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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

IF YOU WERE HAVING A JOB INTERVIEW FOR A POSITION YOU WANTED VERY MUCH AND SOMEONE ASKED, "WHY SHOULD WE HIRE YOU?" WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

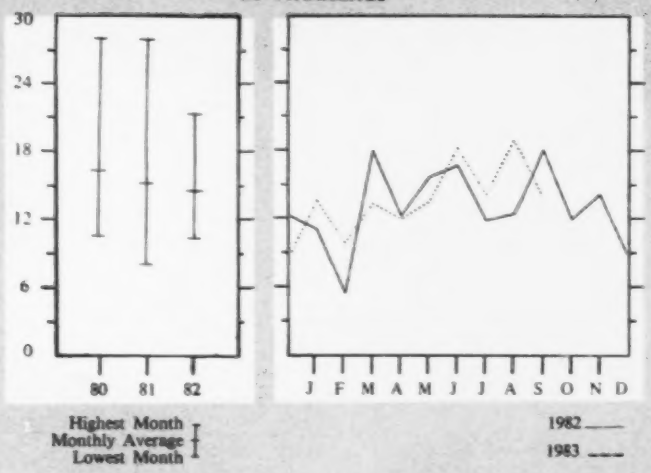
THE ANSWER TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS THIS AND MANY OTHERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM A BOOKLET CALLED JOB HUNTING IN MAINE RECENTLY PRODUCED BY THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, INFORMATION ON CAREERS AND WAGES, INSTRUCTIONS ON RESUME WRITING, AND TECHNIQUES FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOB INTERVIEW ARE ALL INCLUDED IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD FORMAT.

THE BOOKLET IS INTENDED TO BE A HELPFUL GUIDE TO ANYONE LOOKING FOR A JOB, CHANGING CAREERS, OR REENTERING THE LABOR FORCE, AND ALTHOUGH IT CANNOT GUARANTEE A JOB IT CAN ASSURE THE PROPER STEPS OF ASSESSMENT AND PREPARATION ARE TAKEN IN ADVANCE. YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERING THE LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYED PEOPLE SEEKING CAREER ADVANCES, OR DISLOCATED HOMEMAKERS REENTERING THE LABOR FORCE COULD ALL BENEFIT FROM REVIEWING JOB HUNTING IN MAINE.

THE BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE FOR $2.75 TO COVER PRINTING AND HANDLING COSTS FROM: MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330.

THE QUESTION, "WHY SHOULD I HIRE YOU?" IS PROBABLY THE MOST COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTION AND MAY BE THE MOST DIFFICULT TO ANSWER. THE BEST APPROACH IS TO EXPLAIN YOU ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE OTHER CANDIDATES. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT YOUR BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE, AND INTEREST IN THE JOB EQUIPS YOU TO HANDLE THE WORK. PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS.

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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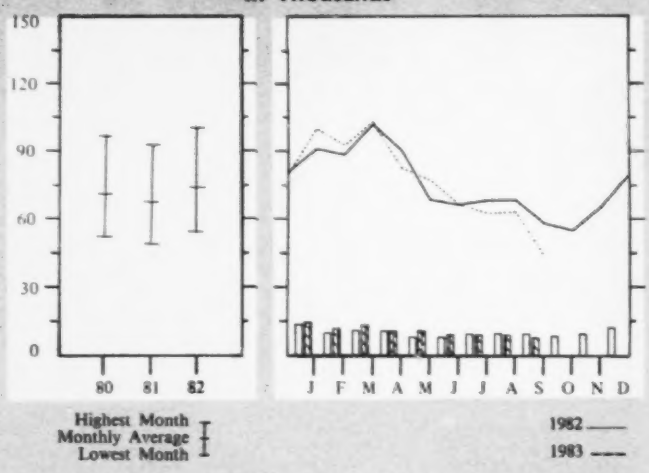


NOTES ON THE MAINE ECONOMY - A QUARTERLY ANALYSIS ---

MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AVERAGED 8.1 PERCENT DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983. THIS WAS A SEASONAL IMPROVEMENT OVER THE 9.3 PERCENT AVERAGE RECORDED DURING THE SECOND QUARTER. SUMMER TOURISM WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT.

THE CURRENT QUARTER'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THE AVERAGE OF 8.3 PERCENT REGISTERED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982. MAINE'S CURRENT RATE OF 8.1 PERCENT WAS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN THE NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CIVILIAN NATIONAL RATE OF 9.1 PERCENT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1983.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ROSE BY 13,900 BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT GREW BY 1,000 WHILE NONMANUFACTURING RECORDED A SEASONAL GAIN OF 12,900.

GAINS IN THE TOURIST-RELATED INDUSTRIES OF EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (+3,900) AND HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES (+4,500) ACCOUNTED FOR MUCH OF THE INCREASE IN NONMANUFACTURING BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT ROSE SEASONALLY BY 2,300, WHILE FOOD STORES (+1,000) AND MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL BUSINESSES (+900) ALSO ADDED WORKERS.

IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS RECORDED AN EMPLOYMENT GAIN OF 1,300 BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS DUE PRIMARILY TO THE ANNUAL BLUEBERRY HARVEST. LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS DECLINED BY 1,800 WORKERS BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. MOST OF THIS LOSS RESULTED FROM NORMAL SEASONAL SHUTDOWNS DURING JULY.

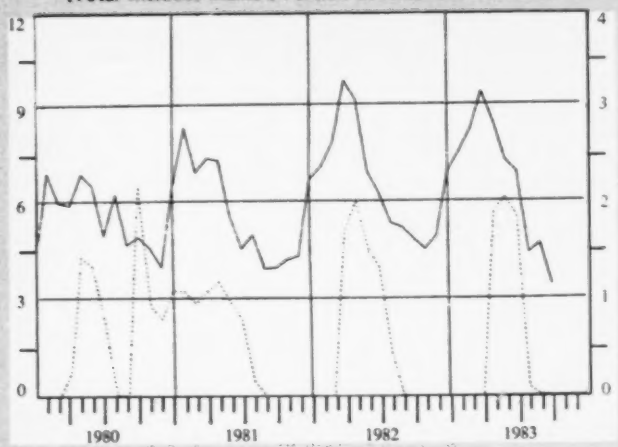
NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 3,700 OVER THE YEAR, DUE PRIMARILY TO IMPROVEMENT IN THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE INCREASED BY 3,800 WITH THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES REGISTERED BY FOOD STORES (+1,100), EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (+900), AND MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL STORES (+800). SERVICES (+800), GOVERNMENT (+1,000), AND FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE (+500) ALSO RECORDED EMPLOYMENT GAINS.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

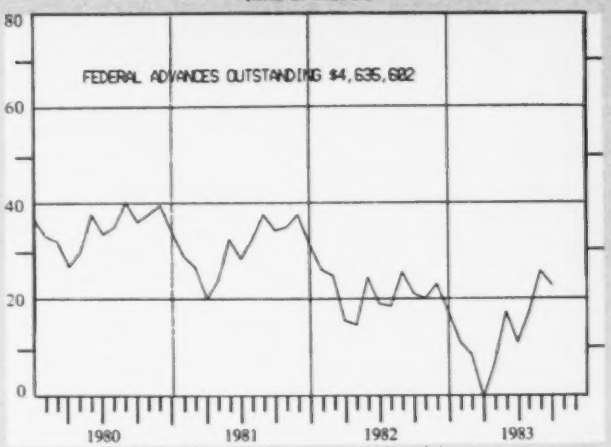
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

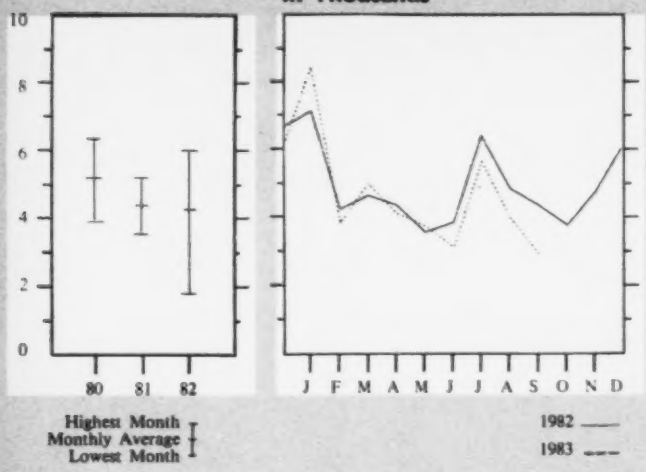
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	422.9	428.0	417.5	98.6	97.2	94.8	34.9	34.3	33.7
Total Manufacturing	108.8	110.2	109.8	16.9	16.5	17.0	11.7	11.6	11.1
Durable Goods	38.9	38.6	39.8	6.5	6.3	6.9	2.1	2.1	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.3	12.3	12.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.7	14.3	14.8	5.7	5.4	6.1	1.7	1.7	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.9	12.0	12.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	69.9	71.6	70.0	10.4	10.2	10.1	9.6	9.5	9.2
Food and Kindred Products	9.4	10.5	10.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.0	6.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.5	1.6
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	18.1	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.3	20.8	20.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	17.0	17.5	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.1	3.1	2.8
All Other	3.3	3.3	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.4	10.2	10.3	4.9	4.7	4.5	2.7	2.6	2.7
Total Nonmanufacturing	314.1	317.8	307.7	81.7	80.7	77.8	23.2	22.7	22.6
Contract Construction	18.8	18.6	18.8	4.4	4.5	4.4	1.5	1.6	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.5	16.8	18.3	6.2	5.6	6.0	1.3	1.1	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	93.7	96.6	89.8	26.5	26.8	25.4	8.1	8.0	8.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.4	18.6	17.9	8.9	8.9	8.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	84.5	89.6	83.2	23.0	23.0	21.2	7.5	7.4	7.2
Government	80.2	77.6	79.7	12.7	11.9	12.4	3.1	2.9	3.0
Federal	17.8	18.1	17.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
State and Local 5/	62.4	59.5	62.5	11.3	10.5	11.0	2.8	2.6	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

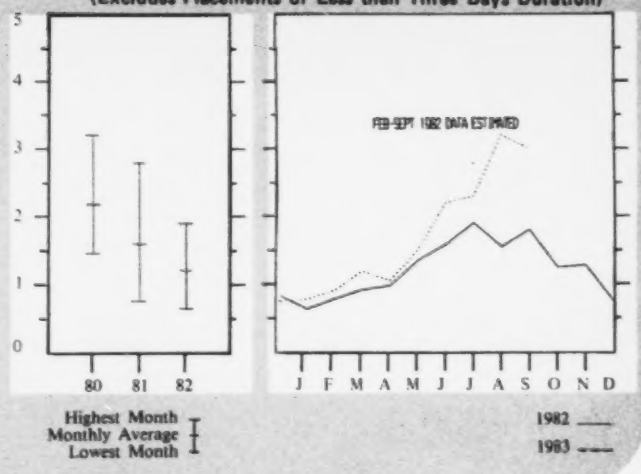
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	310.64	302.00	298.75	40.5	40.0	40.1	7.67	7.55	7.45	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	329.26	326.83	316.39	40.8	40.3	40.1	8.07	8.11	7.89	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	304.63	306.27	276.05	41.0	41.0	39.1	7.43	7.47	7.06	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	310.90	302.97	289.98	40.8	39.5	39.4	7.62	7.67	7.36	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	381.92	380.70	386.23	40.5	40.5	41.8	9.43	9.40	9.24	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	299.83	289.35	288.32	40.3	39.8	40.1	7.44	7.27	7.19	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	210.60	213.90	222.87	36.0	37.2	39.1	5.85	5.75	5.70	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	259.37	252.62	206.05	42.8	42.6	37.6	6.06	5.93	5.48	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	207.31	204.60	201.66	37.9	37.2	36.4	5.47	5.50	5.54	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	512.11	491.48	496.80	45.4	44.0	46.3	11.28	11.17	10.73	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	213.01	210.92	209.21	37.7	37.8	37.9	5.65	5.58	5.52	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	264.26	255.19	243.59	40.1	39.2	38.3	6.59	6.51	6.36	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	298.37	292.19	280.74	38.8	37.8	38.3	7.69	7.73	7.33	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	244.67	240.73	229.36	39.4	39.4	38.1	6.21	6.11	6.02	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month **	Year Ago
Labor Force *	230.0	235.5	219.2
Unemployed	19.4	19.7	19.2
(Percent)	8.4	8.4	8.8
Resident Employed	210.5	215.8	200.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	301.8	300.3	293.3	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5
Percent Change from Last December	+3.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.9

*Preliminary estimates
**Amended data

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	556.0	564.6	536.8	516.8	523.1	497.8	39.2	41.5	39.0	7.1	7.4	7.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,700	45,400	41,900	41,800	42,300	39,100	2,900	3,100	2,800	6.5	6.8	6.7
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,500	33,700	32,600	30,100	30,900	30,000	2,400	2,800	2,600	7.4	8.3	8.0
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,900	39,800	38,100	36,800	36,600	34,900	3,100	3,200	3,200	7.8	8.0	8.4
Portland SMSA	99,300	101,000	94,100	93,900	94,900	88,700	5,400	6,100	5,400	5.4	6.0	5.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,540	29,980	28,930	27,670	28,020	26,640	1,870	1,960	2,290	6.3	6.5	7.9
Bath-Brunswick	24,280	25,610	24,610	23,000	24,360	23,400	1,280	1,250	1,210	5.3	4.9	4.9
Belfast	11,190	12,260	10,700	10,080	10,880	9,680	1,110	1,380	1,020	9.9	11.3	9.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	9,420	10,210	8,630	8,930	9,700	8,230	490	510	400	5.2	5.0	4.6
Calais-Eastport	15,030	19,290	16,370	13,550	17,650	14,600	1,480	1,640	1,770	9.8	8.5	10.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	28,310	21,410	26,830	25,000	18,010	23,970	3,310	3,400	2,860	11.7	15.9	10.7
Central Penobscot	3,690	3,760	3,460	3,480	3,550	3,230	210	210	230	5.7	5.6	6.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,980	7,110	6,810	6,500	6,570	6,260	480	540	550	6.9	7.6	8.1
Ellsworth	23,080	26,410	22,120	21,940	25,210	21,010	1,140	1,200	1,110	4.9	4.5	5.0
Farmington	13,090	13,520	13,000	12,030	12,560	12,120	1,060	960	880	8.1	7.1	6.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	8,660	5,350	7,320	8,130	4,920	6,770	530	430	550	6.1	8.0	7.5
Greenville	1,520	1,600	1,480	1,450	1,530	1,400	70	70	80	4.6	4.4	5.4
Houlton	7,670	5,390	6,700	6,980	4,630	6,100	690	760	610	9.0	14.1	9.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,620	5,820	5,420	5,230	5,380	4,970	390	440	450	6.9	7.6	8.3
Livermore Falls	6,350	6,020	6,200	5,740	5,410	5,600	610	610	600	9.6	10.1	9.7
Madawaska-Van Buren	6,460	4,650	5,780	5,880	4,160	5,180	580	490	600	9.0	10.5	10.4
Mechanic Falls	2,740	3,450	3,060	2,460	3,140	2,710	280	310	350	10.2	9.0	11.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,230	5,420	5,180	4,900	5,060	4,930	330	360	250	6.3	6.6	4.8
Patten-Island Falls	4,180	2,540	3,740	3,920	2,320	3,400	260	220	340	6.2	8.7	9.1
Rockland	18,030	18,840	18,110	16,730	17,510	16,920	1,300	1,330	1,190	7.2	7.1	6.6
Rumford	19,850	20,650	20,410	18,170	18,890	18,780	1,680	1,760	1,630	8.5	8.5	8.0
Sebago Lake Region	11,310	13,210	11,230	10,560	12,410	10,500	750	800	730	6.6	6.1	6.5
Skowhegan	22,350	23,010	21,570	20,040	20,700	19,470	2,310	2,310	2,100	10.3	10.0	9.7
Kittery-York	24,630	27,320	22,610	23,980	26,610	21,990	650	710	620	2.6	2.6	2.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,390	8,470	8,050	7,540	7,590	7,140	850	880	910	10.1	10.4	11.3
Waterville	21,980	23,430	21,830	20,290	21,620	20,150	1,690	1,810	1,680	7.7	7.7	7.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	N/A	1,622.6	1,612.8	N/A	1,536.1	1,507.3	N/A	86.5	105.5	N/A	5.3	6.5
Massachusetts	3,023.1	3,064.0	3,052.0	2,810.1	2,881.0	2,827.1	213.0	183.0	224.9	7.0	6.0	7.4
New Hampshire	N/A	510.1	492.8	N/A	489.0	461.0	N/A	21.1	31.8	N/A	4.1	6.5
Rhode Island	481.8	483.0	483.4	449.7	445.5	437.4	32.1	37.5	46.0	6.7	7.8	9.5
Vermont	N/A	268.5	266.4	N/A	253.2	250.7	N/A	15.3	15.8	N/A	5.7	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	N/A	5,948.2	5,907.4	N/A	5,604.8	5,483.5	N/A	343.4	424.0	N/A	5.8	7.2
UNITED STATES 3/	112,197	113,578	110,546	102,366	103,167	99,851	9,830	10,411	10,695	8.8	9.2	9.7

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	1,855	9,942	11,069	1,099	1,415	1,453	564	756	975
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.0	2.4	2.8	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.3	3.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

In Thousands

ITEM	Number of Workers 1983 3rd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to 3rd Quarter 1982 from Previous Quarter	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment [1]	423.0	409.1	419.3	+13.9	+3.7
Total Manufacturing	105.9	104.9	107.4	+ 1.0	-1.5
Durable Goods	38.4	37.3	39.4	+ 1.1	-1.0
Lumber and Wood Products	12.1	10.8	12.0	+ 1.3	-0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.5	3.8	- 0.1	-0.4
Machinery, except Electrical	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	-0.1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	7.3	7.1	7.3	+ 0.2	0.0
Transportation Equipment	9.5	9.9	10.1	- 0.4	-0.6
Other Durable Goods [2]	2.5	2.3	2.6	+ 0.2	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	67.5	67.6	68.0	- 0.1	-0.5
Food and Kindred Products	9.4	8.2	10.5	+ 1.2	-1.1
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.7	6.5	- 0.3	-0.1
Apparel	4.9	5.0	4.6	- 0.1	+0.3
Paper and Allied Products	17.9	17.3	17.9	+ 0.6	0.0
Printing and Publishing	3.9	3.8	3.9	+ 0.1	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	4.4	4.3	4.4	+ 0.1	0.0
Leather and Leather Products	18.6	20.4	18.4	- 1.8	+0.2
Other Nondurable Goods [3]	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Total Nonmanufacturing	317.1	304.2	311.9	+12.9	+5.2
Construction	18.7	16.4	18.9	+ 2.3	-0.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.0	17.7	18.8	+ 0.3	-0.8
Wholesale and Retail Trade	95.5	88.2	91.7	+ 7.3	+3.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	18.5	18.2	18.0	+ 0.3	+0.5
Services and Other Nonmanufacturing	87.7	80.9	86.9	+ 6.8	+0.8
Government [4]	78.6	82.8	77.6	- 4.2	+1.0

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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS NOW FULLY ESTABLISHED AN INTERNAL RANDOM AUDIT PROGRAM TO MONITOR THE PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT CLAIMANTS SELECTED ON A RANDOM BASIS. ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES OF THE INDIVIDUAL CLAIMANT'S UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS ARE EXAMINED IN DETAIL.

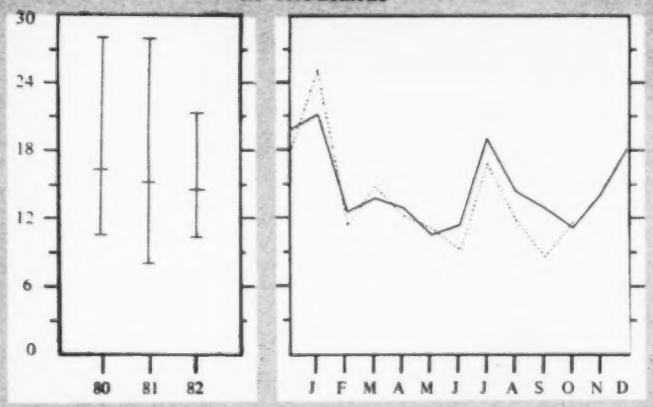
THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SUBMITS THE RESULTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CASE STUDIES ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT. THE DEPARTMENT WILL DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE WEAKNESSES EXIST IN ANY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROCESSES OR PROCEDURES AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS.

THE DETAILED CASE-BY-CASE STUDY SHOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF ERRORS WHICH CAN CAUSE EITHER BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS OR UNDERPAYMENTS AND IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION LEADING TO BETTER SERVICE TO CLAIMANTS AND POSSIBLE REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

THE STATE OF MAINE WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST STATES TO BEGIN PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERALLY FUNDED RANDOM AUDIT PROGRAM. MAINE'S PROGRAM BEGAN LAST MAY AND ALL STATES ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE PROGRAMS IN OPERATION BY NEXT YEAR.

THE COST OF CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF ALL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE. BY EXAMINING A COMPUTER SELECTED RANDOM SAMPLE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WILL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS, TRENDS AND TYPICAL INSTANCES OF ERROR IN A COST EFFECTIVE MANNER. IN THE LONG-TERM, THE COST OF THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE OUTWEIGHED BY THE BENEFITS OF GREATER ACCURACY AND EFFICIENCY.

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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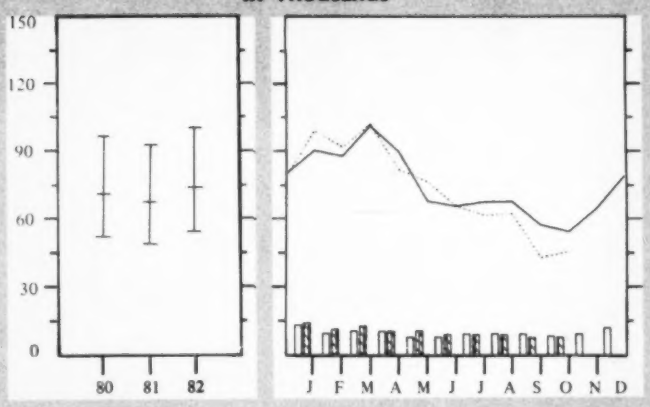

PERSONAL INCOME DATA AVAILABLE FROM DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH

THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PRODUCES DETAILED ESTIMATES OF STATE AND COUNTY PERSONAL INCOME WHICH ARE UPDATED ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AS ONE OF THREE CONTACTS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS DATA IN MAINE.

THE DATA SOURCES USED TO DEVELOP THE ESTIMATES ARE VARIED, RANGING FROM INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TABULATIONS TO CENSUS COMMUTING PATTERNS. THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS HAS EXHAUSTED MANY STATISTICAL RESOURCES IN A COMPLEX METHODOLOGY WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR EVERY CATEGORY OF LEGAL INCOME FROM RENTS AND ROYALTIES TO FARM INCOME.

THESE DETAILED ESTIMATES HAVE MANY USES. THEY ALLOW ANALYSIS OF COUNTY ECONOMIES IN TERMS OF GROWTH AND STRUCTURE, PROVIDE A BASIS FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, AND ARE USED IN THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY MANY FEDERAL PROGRAMS (EXAMPLES INCLUDE THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANTS FOR LIBRARIES AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, MEDICAID, AND AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN).

THE PERSONAL INCOME ESTIMATES ARE USED BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, INCLUDING TAX REVENUE PROJECTIONS AND PLANNING OF PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS. BUSINESSES USE THE ESTIMATES TO PLAN THE MARKETING OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AND FOR SITE SELECTION. THE ESTIMATES ARE ESPECIALLY USEFUL FOR THESE PURPOSES BECAUSE THEY ARE UP-TO-DATE AND DETAILED BY CATEGORY OF INCOME AND AREA.

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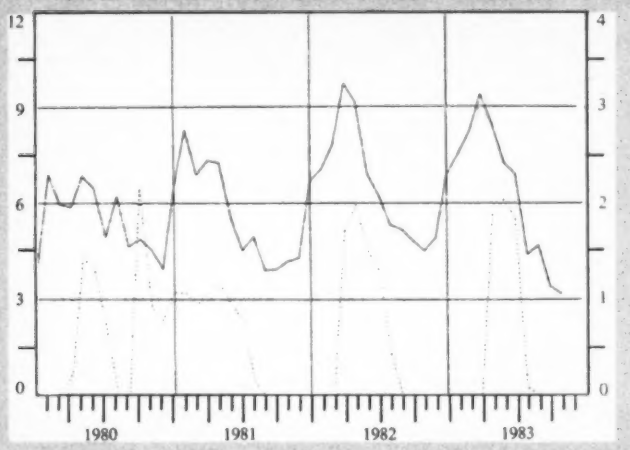
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

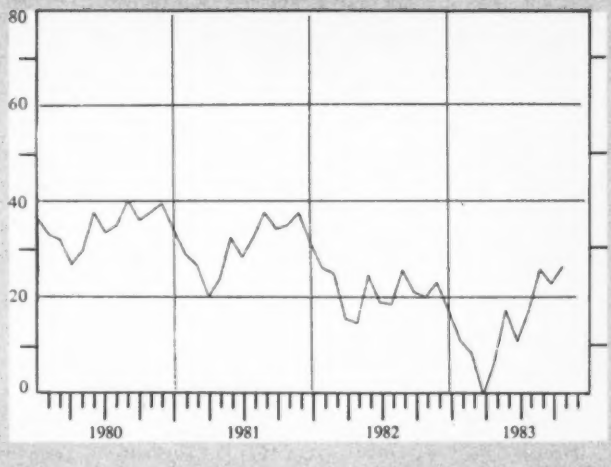
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

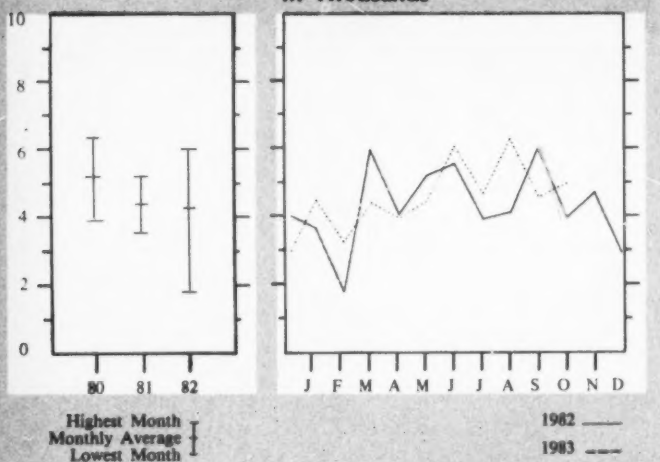
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	422.3	422.9	416.3	100.4	98.6	96.2	34.6	34.9	34.0
Total Manufacturing	108.5	108.8	108.1	16.9	16.9	16.9	11.6	11.7	10.9
Durable Goods	39.1	38.9	39.4	6.6	6.5	6.8	2.1	2.1	1.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.3	12.3	12.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.8	14.7	14.5	5.7	5.7	6.0	1.7	1.7	1.4
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.0	11.9	12.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	69.4	69.9	68.7	10.2	10.4	10.1	9.5	9.6	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	9.1	9.4	9.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.0	6.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.6
Apparel	5.1	5.0	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.8	17.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.2	20.3	20.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	17.0	17.0	16.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.1	3.1	2.8
All Other	3.2	3.3	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.3	10.4	10.2	4.7	4.9	4.6	2.6	2.7	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	313.8	314.1	308.2	83.6	81.7	79.3	23.0	23.2	23.1
Contract Construction	19.0	18.8	18.9	4.4	4.4	4.4	1.4	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.1	18.5	18.0	6.1	6.2	6.0	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	91.3	93.7	88.5	26.7	26.5	25.6	8.0	8.1	8.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.3	18.4	17.8	8.9	8.9	8.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	82.8	84.5	81.2	23.3	23.0	21.1	7.4	7.5	7.5
Government	84.3	80.2	83.8	14.2	12.7	13.8	3.2	3.1	3.1
Federal	18.0	17.9	17.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
State and Local 5/	66.3	62.3	65.9	12.8	11.3	12.4	2.9	2.8	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

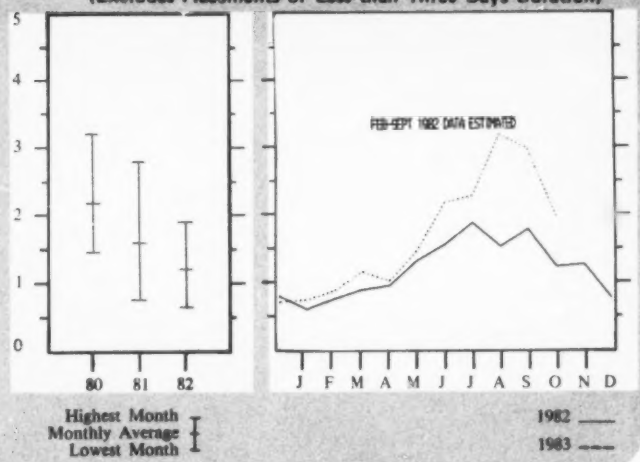
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	306.80	310.64	294.52	40.0	40.5	39.8	7.67	7.67	7.40	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	324.82	329.26	318.39	40.2	40.8	40.1	8.08	8.07	7.94	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	309.20	304.63	273.93	40.9	41.0	38.8	7.56	7.43	7.06	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	305.56	310.90	291.46	40.1	40.8	39.6	7.62	7.62	7.36	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	368.68	381.92	393.02	39.6	40.5	41.9	9.31	9.43	9.38	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	297.26	299.83	280.76	39.9	40.3	39.6	7.45	7.44	7.09	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	211.67	210.60	205.06	34.7	36.0	35.6	6.10	5.85	5.76	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	252.95	259.37	212.31	42.3	42.8	39.1	5.98	6.06	5.43	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	206.42	207.31	198.15	37.6	37.9	37.6	5.49	5.47	5.27	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	513.02	512.11	496.80	45.4	45.4	46.3	11.30	11.28	10.73	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	207.76	213.01	209.21	37.3	37.7	37.9	5.57	5.65	5.52	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	262.02	264.26	249.48	39.7	40.1	38.5	6.60	6.59	6.48	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	295.29	298.37	284.10	38.2	38.8	38.6	7.73	7.69	7.36	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	245.57	244.67	229.46	39.8	39.4	38.5	6.17	6.21	5.96	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	223.5	230.0	213.9
Unemployed	18.9	19.4	18.2
(Percent)	8.5	8.4	8.5
Resident Employed	204.6	210.5	195.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	302.6	301.8	294.1	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3
Percent Change from Last December	+3.5
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.9

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE - Statewide	529.9	556.0	515.1	490.8	516.8	477.1	39.1	39.2	38.0	7.4	7.1	7.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	45,400	44,700	42,600	42,100	41,800	39,700	3,300	2,900	2,900	7.3	6.5	6.8
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,200	32,500	31,800	29,900	30,100	29,100	2,300	2,400	2,700	7.1	7.4	8.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,100	39,900	38,200	36,100	36,800	35,100	3,000	3,100	3,100	7.7	7.8	8.1
Portland SMSA	100,700	99,300	95,400	94,900	93,900	90,000	5,800	5,400	5,400	5.8	5.4	5.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,920	29,540	28,590	27,060	27,760	26,440	1,860	1,870	2,150	6.4	6.3	7.5
Bath-Brunswick	24,260	24,280	24,670	22,750	23,000	23,520	1,510	1,280	1,150	6.2	5.3	4.7
Belfast	11,240	11,190	10,610	10,070	10,080	9,590	1,170	1,110	1,020	10.4	9.9	9.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,510	9,420	7,580	8,000	8,930	7,160	510	490	420	6.0	5.2	5.5
Calais-Eastport	14,300	15,030	14,620	12,890	13,550	12,980	1,410	1,480	1,640	9.9	9.8	11.2
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,980	28,310	20,250	17,620	25,000	18,150	3,360	3,310	2,100	16.0	11.7	10.4
Central Penobscot	3,580	3,690	3,560	3,330	3,480	3,310	250	210	250	7.0	5.7	7.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,810	6,980	6,760	6,360	6,500	6,210	450	480	550	6.6	6.9	8.1
Ellsworth	20,920	23,080	20,050	19,800	21,940	18,960	1,120	1,140	1,090	5.4	4.9	5.4
Farmington	13,130	13,090	13,070	12,020	12,030	12,160	1,110	1,060	910	8.5	8.1	7.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,440	8,660	5,150	5,060	8,130	4,700	380	530	450	7.0	6.1	8.7
Greenville	1,550	1,520	1,630	1,490	1,450	1,540	60	70	90	3.9	4.6	5.5
Houlton	5,020	7,670	4,970	4,530	6,980	4,500	490	690	470	9.8	9.0	9.5
Lincoln-Howland	5,560	5,620	5,520	5,180	5,230	5,070	380	390	450	6.8	6.9	8.2
Livermore Falls	5,970	6,350	5,860	5,410	5,740	5,310	560	610	550	9.4	9.6	9.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,720	6,460	4,460	4,190	5,880	3,950	530	580	510	11.2	9.0	11.4
Mechanic Falls	2,640	2,740	2,550	2,380	2,460	2,220	260	280	330	9.8	10.2	12.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,120	5,230	5,140	4,790	4,900	4,850	330	330	290	6.4	6.3	5.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,480	4,180	2,560	2,290	3,920	2,300	190	260	260	7.7	6.2	10.2
Rockland	17,580	18,030	17,810	16,330	16,730	16,490	1,250	1,300	1,320	7.1	7.2	7.4
Rumford	19,980	19,850	20,040	18,260	18,170	18,420	1,720	1,680	1,620	8.6	8.5	8.1
Sebago Lake Region	10,640	11,310	10,450	9,910	10,560	9,740	730	750	710	6.9	6.6	6.8
Skowhegan	21,680	22,350	21,540	19,510	20,040	19,250	2,170	2,310	2,290	10.0	10.3	10.6
Kittery-York	22,000	24,630	20,100	21,430	23,980	19,460	570	650	640	2.6	2.6	3.2
Southwest Penobscot	8,210	8,390	7,980	7,400	7,540	7,040	810	850	940	9.9	10.1	11.8
Waterville	21,430	21,980	21,620	19,760	20,290	19,950	1,670	1,690	1,670	7.8	7.7	7.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,627.3	1,614.1	n/a	1,548.2	1,503.4	n/a	79.1	110.7	n/a	4.9	6.9
Massachusetts	3,033.0	3,023.1	3,029.4	2,838.0	2,810.1	2,810.1	195.0	213.0	219.3	6.4	7.0	7.2
New Hampshire	n/a	505.9	490.3	n/a	487.9	453.9	n/a	18.0	36.4	n/a	3.6	7.4
Rhode Island	484.7	481.8	482.3	453.1	449.7	437.2	31.6	32.1	45.1	6.5	6.7	9.3
Vermont	n/a	268.5	268.0	n/a	255.1	251.3	n/a	13.4	16.7	n/a	5.0	6.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,906.6	5,884.1	n/a	5,551.0	5,455.9	n/a	355.6	428.2	n/a	6.0	7.3
UNITED STATES 3/	112,042	112,197	110,767	102,659	102,366	99,825	9,383	9,830	10,942	8.4	8.8	9.9

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,219	7,855	11,815	1,102	1,099	1,727	527	564	974
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.1	2.0	3.0	1.3	1.3	2.1	1.6	1.8	3.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE DATA ITEMS PROVIDED IN THIS SERIES INCLUDES: TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME, MAJOR SOURCES OF PERSONAL INCOME, PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, DISPOSABLE PERSONAL INCOME, PER CAPITA DISPOSABLE INCOME, AND TRANSFER PAYMENTS BY MAJOR SOURCE. ALL OF THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO 1982, AND SOME ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983.

ALL ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MAINE AND MOST ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. SOME ITEMS, INCLUDING TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME AND PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, ARE AVAILABLE FOR EACH STATE AND EACH REGION OF THE COUNTRY (SUCH AS NEW ENGLAND, GREAT LAKES, AND PACIFIC STATES).

THE LATEST DATA AVAILABLE FROM THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT BETWEEN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1982 AND THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1983 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME IN MAINE ROSE BY 7.4 PERCENT, OR $753 MILLION. MOST OF THIS GROWTH IN INCOME WAS THE RESULT OF AN 8.2 PERCENT INCREASE IN NET EARNINGS ($535 MILLION). TRANSFER PAYMENTS, WHICH INCREASED BY 12.0 PERCENT, ACCOUNTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL $225 MILLION. DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, AND RENT DECLINED SLIGHTLY, PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF LOWER INTEREST RATES.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSONAL INCOME DATA, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330, OR CALL (207) 289-2271.

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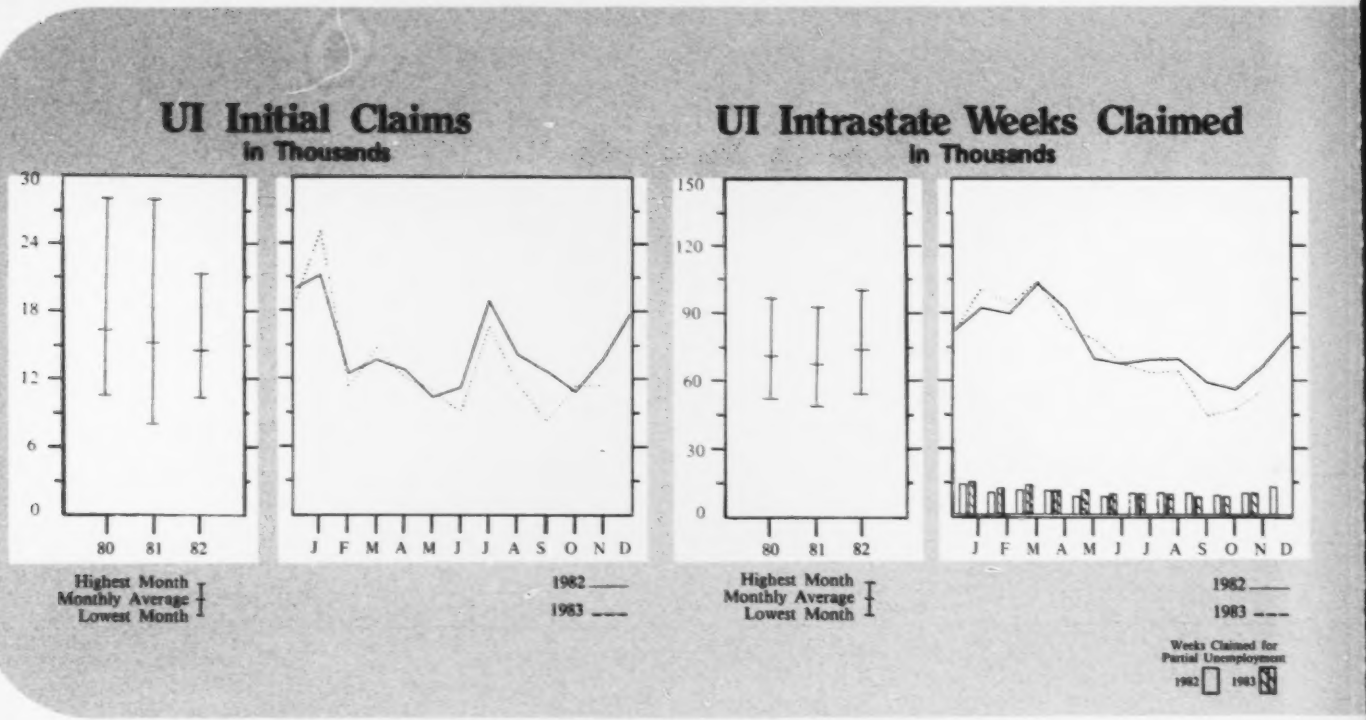
THE STATE OF MAINE HAS NOW RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF REPAYMENT OF $36,400,000 OWED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

FROM 1975 THROUGH 1978 THE STATE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE FULL PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS AND WAS REQUIRED TO BORROW MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. EVENTUALLY THE LOAN TOTALLED OVER $36,000,000.

BEGINNING IN 1981, MAINE BEGAN TO MAKE REPAYMENTS ON ITS OUTSTANDING DEBT THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT OF A SURTAX ON EMPLOYERS REQUIRED TO MAKE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CONTRIBUTIONS. THE REPAYMENTS REDUCED THE DEBT TO LESS THAN $5,000,000 LAST OCTOBER AT WHICH TIME A LUMP SUM PAYMENT FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND WAS MADE WHICH COMPLETELY LIQUIDATED THE DEBT. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS NOW CONFIRMED THAT MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND IS PRESENTLY WITHOUT ANY OUTSTANDING DEBT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1975.

TWENTY-ONE STATES, PUERTO RICO, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONTINUE TO OWE MONEY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFIT PAYMENTS. DUE TO EXCEEDINGLY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT DURING THE PAST YEAR THE AMOUNT OF DEBT IN A NUMBER OF DEBTOR STATES HAS BEEN ON THE INCREASE. MAINE IS THE ONLY STATE TO HAVE MADE COMPLETE REPAYMENT OF A LONG-TERM LOAN IN THE PAST YEAR.



LAST OF 1980 POPULATION CENSUS REPORTS FOR MAINE

PROVIDES DETAILED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION ABOUT RESIDENTS

THE FINAL AND LARGEST VOLUME OF DATA FROM THE 1980 CENSUS ABOUT MAINE RESIDENTS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S CENSUS BUREAU.

DETAILED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS: MAINE IS A 278-PAGE COLLECTION OF 58 TABLES SHOWING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR THE ENTIRE STATE AND THE STATE'S RURAL AREAS.

THE BOOK'S DATA INCLUDE:

- OCCUPATION CROSS-TABULATED BY AGE, SEX, SPANISH ORIGIN, EDUCATION, EARNINGS, AND INDUSTRY.
- INCOME AND POVERTY STATUS IN 1979 OF HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES, CROSS-TABULATED BY RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN, EDUCATION, LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, AND OTHER FACTORS.
- CITIZENSHIP AND YEAR OF IMMIGRATION TO THE NATION FOR FOREIGN-BORN PERSONS BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH.
- CHARACTERISTICS OF VETERANS 16 YEARS AND OVER BY AGE.
- PEOPLE IN GROUP QUARTERS (DORMITORIES, BOARDING HOUSES, PRISONS, ETC.) BY AGE, RACE, AND SPANISH ORIGIN.
- FERTILITY AND MARITAL STATUS OF WOMEN BY AGE, RACE, AND SPANISH ORIGIN.

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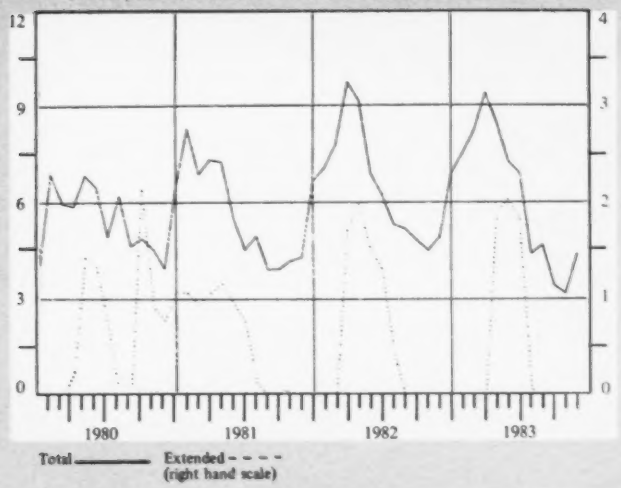
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

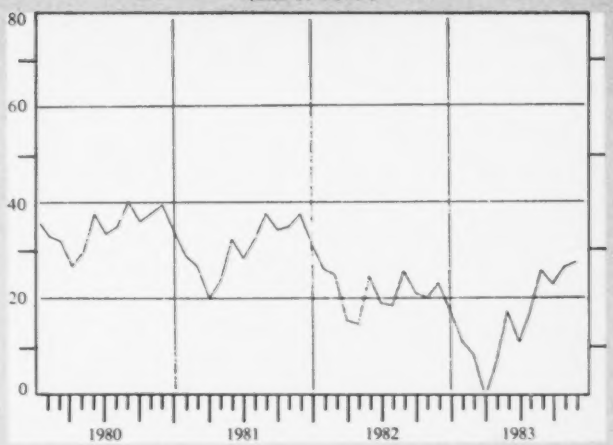
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

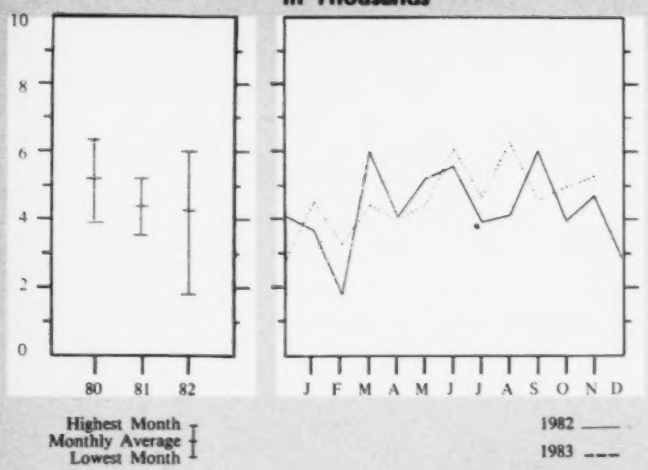
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	415.6	422.3	411.0	100.1	100.4	96.5	34.4	34.6	34.0
Total Manufacturing	106.8	108.5	106.7	16.9	16.8	16.7	11.4	11.6	10.9
Durable Goods	38.8	39.1	38.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	2.1	2.1	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.1	12.3	11.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	15.0	14.8	14.3	5.7	5.7	5.8	1.7	1.7	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.7	12.0	13.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	68.0	69.4	67.9	10.2	10.2	10.1	9.3	9.5	9.0
Food and Kindred Products	8.2	9.1	8.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.1	6.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.6	1.4
Apparel	5.2	5.1	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.6	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.7	20.2	20.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.5	17.0	17.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.1	2.8
All Other	3.2	3.2	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	10.3	10.1	4.7	4.7	4.6	2.5	2.6	2.6
Total Nonmanufacturing	308.8	313.8	304.3	83.2	83.6	79.8	23.0	23.0	23.1
Contract Construction	18.1	19.0	18.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.8	18.1	17.7	6.0	6.1	5.9	1.3	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	90.1	91.3	87.0	27.0	26.7	26.0	8.1	8.0	8.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.3	18.3	17.8	8.9	8.9	8.5	1.7	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.3	82.8	79.2	22.7	23.3	21.3	7.4	7.4	7.5
Government	85.2	84.3	84.2	14.2	14.2	13.8	3.2	3.2	3.2
Federal	18.3	18.0	18.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.9	66.3	66.2	12.8	12.8	12.4	2.9	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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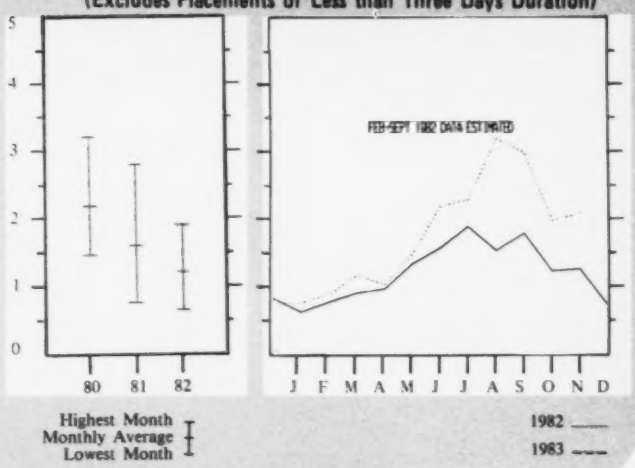
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	310.45	306.80	299.41	39.7	40.0	39.5	7.82	7.67	7.58	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	321.19	324.82	315.20	39.8	40.2	39.4	8.07	8.08	8.00	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	308.66	309.20	278.91	40.4	40.9	38.9	7.64	7.56	7.17	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	306.00	305.56	286.38	40.0	40.1	38.7	7.65	7.62	7.40	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	357.10	368.68	379.89	38.9	39.6	40.5	9.18	9.31	9.38	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	304.13	297.26	289.93	39.6	39.9	39.5	7.68	7.45	7.34	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	216.04	211.67	224.72	35.3	34.7	36.6	6.12	6.10	6.14	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	254.40	252.95	218.23	42.4	42.3	38.9	6.00	5.98	5.61	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	212.22	206.42	202.57	38.1	37.6	37.1	5.57	5.49	5.46	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	528.22	513.02	488.25	44.5	45.4	45.0	11.87	11.30	10.85	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	204.59	207.76	205.15	36.6	37.3	37.3	5.59	5.57	5.50	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	265.05	262.02	242.56	39.5	39.7	37.9	6.71	6.60	6.40	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	304.34	295.29	290.67	37.9	38.2	37.7	8.03	7.73	7.71	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	244.61	245.57	227.66	39.2	39.8	37.2	6.24	6.17	6.12	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	218.7	223.5	209.1
Unemployed	17.7	18.9	15.9
(Percent)	8.1	8.5	7.6
Resident Employed	201.0	204.6	193.2

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	303.1	302.6	293.6	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+3.7
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.2

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE - Statewide	516.3	529.9	507.0	477.3	490.8	467.7	39.0	39.1	39.3	7.6	7.4	7.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	45,000	45,400	42,000	41,700	42,100	39,100	3,300	3,300	2,900	7.3	7.3	6.9
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	31,800	32,200	31,400	29,500	29,900	28,500	2,300	2,300	2,900	7.2	7.1	9.2
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,500	39,100	37,900	35,600	36,100	34,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	7.5	7.7	7.9
Portland SMSA	99,600	100,700	95,600	94,200	94,900	90,000	5,400	5,800	5,600	5.4	5.8	5.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,710	28,920	28,230	26,850	27,060	26,250	1,860	1,860	1,980	6.5	6.4	7.0
Bath-Brunswick	23,600	24,260	24,640	22,220	22,750	23,350	1,380	1,510	1,290	5.8	6.2	5.2
Belfast	10,710	11,240	10,440	9,540	10,070	9,350	1,170	1,170	1,090	10.9	10.4	10.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,580	8,510	6,830	7,000	8,000	6,330	580	510	500	7.7	6.0	7.3
Calais-Eastport	14,000	14,300	14,230	12,520	12,890	12,450	1,480	1,410	1,780	10.6	9.9	12.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,170	20,980	19,330	16,860	17,620	17,130	3,310	3,360	2,200	16.4	16.0	11.4
Central Penobscot	3,550	3,580	3,540	3,330	3,330	3,290	220	250	250	6.2	7.0	7.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,660	6,810	6,730	6,230	6,360	6,190	430	450	540	6.5	6.6	8.0
Ellsworth	19,340	20,920	21,650	18,070	19,800	20,210	1,270	1,120	1,440	6.6	5.4	6.7
Farmington	13,000	13,130	12,840	11,770	12,020	11,830	1,230	1,110	1,010	9.5	8.5	7.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,900	5,440	4,490	4,550	5,060	4,080	350	380	410	7.1	7.0	9.1
Greenville	1,500	1,550	1,610	1,440	1,490	1,510	60	60	100	4.0	3.9	6.2
Houlton	4,730	5,020	4,640	4,240	4,530	4,170	490	490	470	10.4	9.8	10.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,560	5,560	5,480	5,180	5,180	5,000	380	380	480	6.8	6.8	8.8
Livermore Falls	5,880	5,970	5,630	5,220	5,410	5,080	660	560	550	11.2	9.4	9.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,250	4,720	4,150	3,790	4,190	3,610	460	530	540	10.8	11.2	13.0
Mechanic Falls	2,430	2,640	2,320	2,160	2,380	2,020	270	260	300	11.1	9.8	12.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,010	5,120	5,080	4,710	4,790	4,800	300	330	280	6.0	6.4	5.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,290	2,480	2,300	2,120	2,290	2,050	170	190	250	7.4	7.7	10.9
Rockland	17,080	17,580	17,120	15,680	16,330	15,590	1,400	1,250	1,530	8.2	7.1	8.9
Rumford	19,850	19,980	19,840	18,270	18,260	18,120	1,580	1,720	1,720	8.0	8.6	8.7
Sebago Lake Region	10,300	10,640	10,100	9,580	9,910	9,340	720	730	760	7.0	6.9	7.5
Skowhegan	21,050	21,680	21,250	18,830	19,510	19,100	2,220	2,170	2,150	10.5	10.0	10.1
Kittery-York	19,560	22,000	17,990	18,920	21,430	17,240	640	570	750	3.3	2.6	4.2
Southwest Penobscot	8,150	8,210	7,960	7,350	7,400	6,990	800	810	970	9.8	9.9	12.2
Waterville	21,520	21,430	21,830	19,890	19,760	20,210	1,630	1,670	1,620	7.6	7.8	7.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,631.4	1,614.1	n/a	1,555.0	1,504.8	n/a	76.4	109.3	n/a	4.7	6.8
Massachusetts	3,064.0	3,033.0	3,027.5	2,894.0	2,838.0	2,832.1	171.0	195.0	195.3	5.6	6.4	6.5
New Hampshire	n/a	506.0	485.9	n/a	486.4	450.2	n/a	19.6	35.8	n/a	3.9	7.4
Rhode Island	n/a	484.7	481.1	n/a	453.1	436.6	n/a	31.6	44.4	n/a	6.5	9.2
Vermont	n/a	269.3	265.8	n/a	255.8	247.3	n/a	13.5	18.5	n/a	5.0	7.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,924.4	5,874.3	n/a	5,588.3	5,471.0	n/a	336.1	403.3	n/a	5.7	6.9
UNITED STATES 3/	112,147	112,042	110,855	103,018	102,659	99,379	9,129	9,383	11,476	8.1	8.4	10.4

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	9,528	8,219	13,563	1,069	1,102	1,896	668	527	955
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.4	2.1	3.4	1.3	1.3	2.3	2.1	1.6	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

DETAILED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS FOLLOWS THE PUBLICATION OF THREE OTHER FINAL 1980 POPULATION REPORTS FOR MAINE: NUMBER OF INHABITANTS, GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS, AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS. ALSO, POPULATION DATA FOR SMALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS APPEAR IN BLOCK STATISTICS AND CENSUS TRACTS REPORTS FOR EACH OF THE STATE'S METROPOLITAN AREAS.

COMPANION PUBLICATIONS COVER MAINE DATA FROM THE 1980 CENSUS OF HOUSING.

IN ADDITION, MAPS, MICROFICHE, AND SUMMARY COMPUTER TAPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BUREAU FOR THE STATE.

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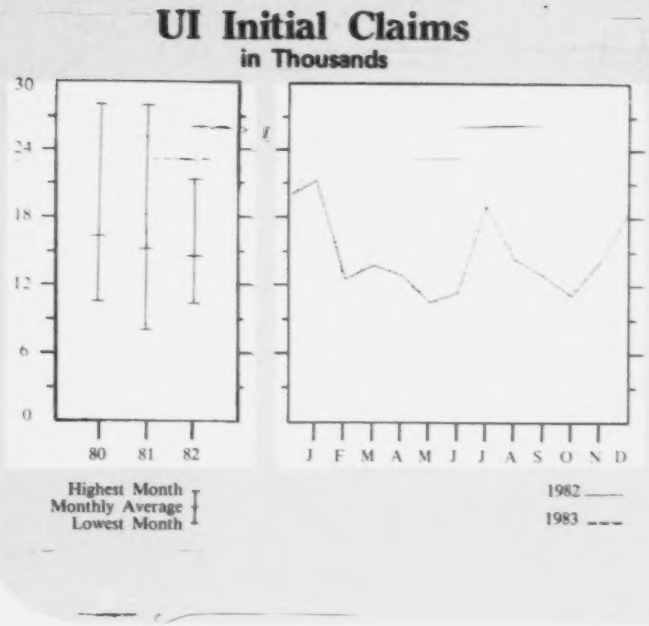
EMPLOYERS CAN RECEIVE UP TO $10,000 REIMBURSEMENT OF WAGES PAID TO QUALIFIED VETERANS IN TRAINING PROGRAMS CERTIFIED BY THE VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICE (VETS) OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.

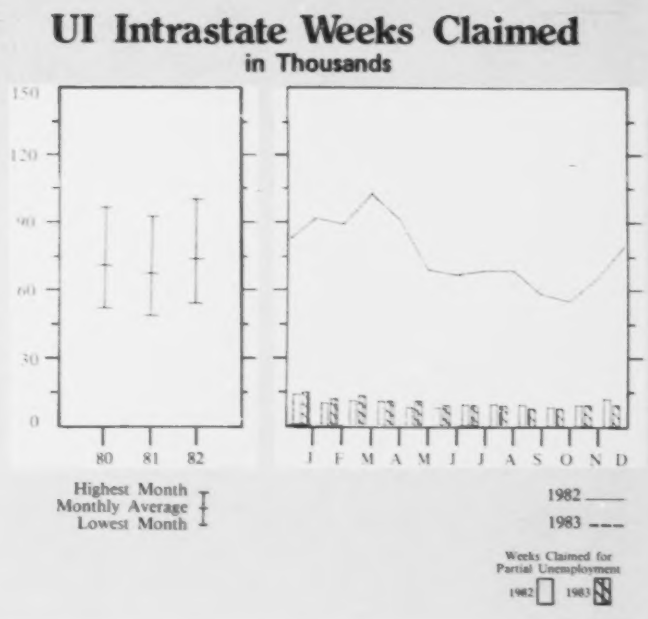
KOREAN CONFLICT OR VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS CAN QUALIFY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VETS PROGRAM IF THEY HAVE BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST 15 OF THE 20 WEEKS PRIOR TO FILING AN APPLICATION. EMPLOYERS MAY PARTICIPATE BY CERTIFYING THEIR INTENTION TO EMPLOY THE VETERAN ON A PERMANENT BASIS AFTER THE TRAINING IS COMPLETED, GUARANTEEING THE VETERAN'S WAGES WILL BE COMPARABLE TO THOSE NORMALLY PAID EMPLOYEES IN TRAINING AND THAT NO CURRENT EMPLOYEES WILL BE DISPLACED.

EMPLOYERS WILL PROVIDE DIRECT TRAINING TO THE VETERANS UNDER VETS PROGRAM GUIDELINES. GENERALLY, THE TRAINING MUST LAST SIX TO NINE MONTHS ALTHOUGH SHORTER PERIODS MAY BE APPROVED AND LONGER PERIODS ARE ALLOWABLE FOR VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES. THE TRAINING MUST BE PROVIDED FOR EMPLOYMENT IN GROWTH INDUSTRIES, IN OCCUPATIONS REQUIRING TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS OR IN OCCUPATIONS WHERE DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. IF ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, THE EMPLOYER CAN RECEIVE 50 PERCENT OF THE VETERAN'S STARTING SALARY DURING THE TRAINING PROGRAM UP TO A MAXIMUM OF $10,000 PER VETERAN.

THE VETS PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR UNDER THE EMERGENCY VETERANS' JOB TRAINING ACT. THE PROGRAM BECAME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1983 AND IS AUTHORIZED FOR TWO YEARS.

ANY VETERAN OR EMPLOYER INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR VETS PROGRAM CERTIFICATION OR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT THE NEAREST LOCAL OFFICE OF THE MAINE JOB SERVICE OR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN TOGUS.





1982 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: A PRELIMINARY REPORT

THE MAINE CENSUS DATA CENTER, WHICH RESIDES IN THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HAS JUST RECEIVED PRELIMINARY REPORTS FOR THE 1982 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, THERE WERE 7,003 MAINE FARMS IN 1982 COMPARED TO 6,775 IN 1978. THE 1982 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE ALSO INDICATES THAT INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF FARMS WERE RECORDED BY 13 OF THE 16 COUNTIES, WITH THE LARGEST GAINS REGISTERED BY YORK AND OXFORD COUNTIES. THE NUMBER OF FARMS DECREASED IN AROOSTOOK, KENNEBEC, AND WALDO COUNTIES.

LAND IN FARMS TOTALED 1,468,674 ACRES IN 1982 COMPARED TO 1,500,390 IN 1978. THE COUNTIES WERE EVENLY SPLIT WITH EIGHT RECORDING GAINS AND EIGHT RECORDING LOSSES. HANCOCK COUNTY RECORDED THE LARGEST GAIN IN FARMLAND ACREAGE WHILE AROOSTOOK COUNTY REGISTERED THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL LOSS.

THE SALES OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND THEIR PRODUCTS WERE $256.7 MILLION, ACCOUNTING FOR 64 PERCENT OF TOTAL AGRICULTURAL SALES DURING 1982. SALES OF POULTRY AND THEIR PRODUCTS WERE $135.6 MILLION. DAIRY PRODUCTS AMOUNTING TO $95.4 MILLION WERE SOLD FROM 1,266 FARMS.

THE SALES OF CROPS AMOUNTED TO $143 MILLION. BY HARVESTED ACREAGE, THE LEADING CROPS WERE IRISH POTATOES, WITH 24.6 MILLION HUNDRED WEIGHT FROM 99,249 ACRES; OATS, WITH 2.5 MILLION BUSHELS FROM 41,051 ACRES; AND CORN FOR SILAGE OR GREEN CHOP, WITH 486,638 TONS FROM 32,540 ACRES. OTHER CROPS WERE ALFALFA, 24,210 ACRES CORN FOR GRAIN, 8,020 ACRES; AND GREEN PEAS, 7,835 ACRES.

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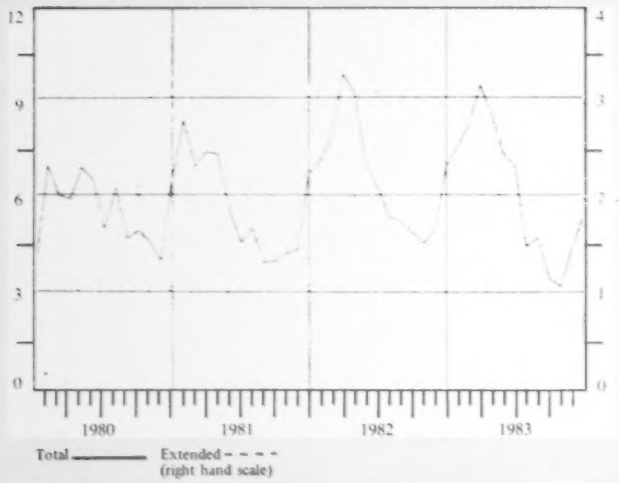
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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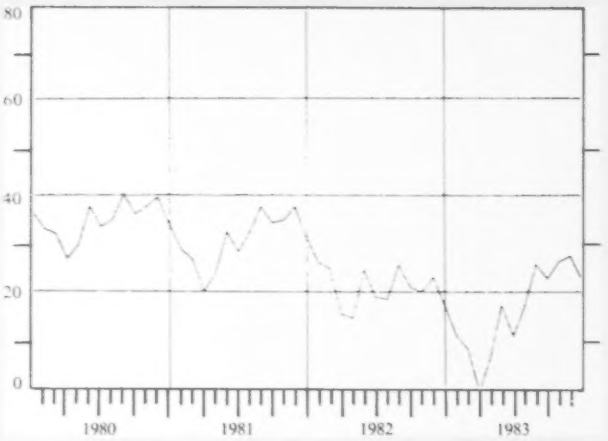
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	414.5	415.6	407.9	100.9	100.1	96.8	34.1	34.4	33.7
Total Manufacturing	106.3	106.8	105.6	17.1	16.9	16.8	11.3	11.4	10.5
Durable Goods	39.0	38.8	38.6	6.8	6.7	6.5	2.1	2.1	1.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.3	12.1	11.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	*
Metals and Machinery	15.3	15.0	14.3	5.8	5.7	5.7	1.8	1.7	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.4	11.7	12.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	67.3	68.0	67.0	10.3	10.2	10.3	9.2	9.3	8.7
Food and Kindred Products	7.8	8.2	8.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.0	6.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.5	1.4
Apparel	5.1	5.2	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	*
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.7	17.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	19.4	19.7	20.0	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.2	16.5	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.8	3.0	2.6
All Other	3.2	3.2	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	10.2	9.9	4.8	4.7	4.7	2.6	2.5	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	308.2	308.8	302.3	83.8	83.2	80.0	22.8	23.0	23.2
Contract Construction	16.9	18.1	17.0	4.1	4.4	4.0	1.3	1.3	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.8	17.8	17.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	1.2	1.3	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	90.8	90.1	87.4	27.6	27.0	26.1	8.2	8.1	8.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.3	18.3	17.8	9.0	8.9	8.5	1.7	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.5	79.3	79.4	22.8	22.7	21.7	7.3	7.4	7.4
Government	84.9	85.2	83.2	14.3	14.2	13.7	3.1	3.2	3.2
Federal	18.2	18.3	18.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.7	66.9	65.2	12.9	12.8	12.3	2.8	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

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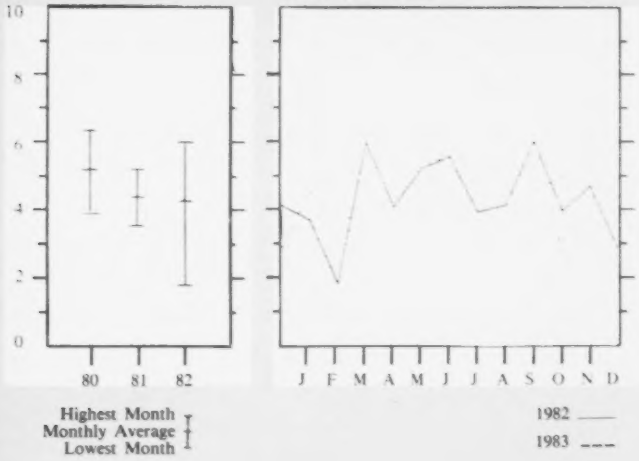

Nonfarm Placements

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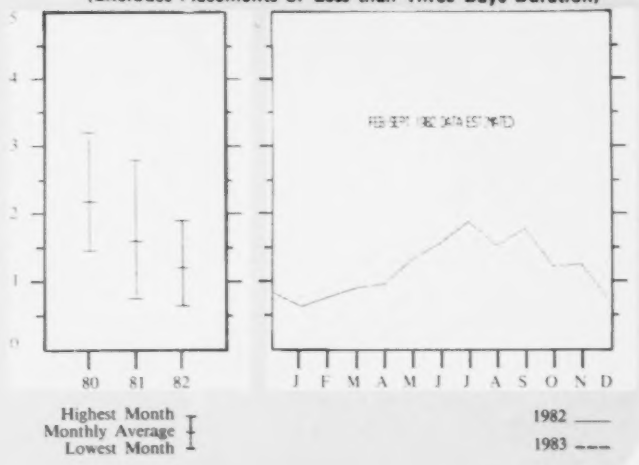
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	314.31	310.45	304.56	40.4	39.7	40.5	7.78	7.82	7.52	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	325.62	321.19	326.41	40.4	39.8	40.7	8.06	8.07	8.02	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	292.00	308.66	283.29	39.3	40.4	39.4	7.43	7.64	7.19	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	319.19	306.00	305.78	41.4	40.0	41.1	7.71	7.65	7.44	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	378.14	357.10	392.18	40.4	38.9	41.5	9.36	9.18	9.45	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	307.44	304.13	291.28	40.4	39.6	40.4	7.61	7.68	7.21	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	226.15	216.04	231.65	36.3	35.3	38.1	6.23	6.12	6.08	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	262.04	254.40	221.20	43.6	42.4	40.0	6.01	6.00	5.53	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	194.71	212.22	196.50	36.6	38.1	37.5	5.32	5.57	5.24	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	525.54	528.22	488.83	46.1	44.5	46.6	11.40	11.87	10.49	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	211.30	204.59	205.33	37.2	36.6	37.4	5.68	5.59	5.49	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	266.95	265.05	250.78	39.2	39.5	38.7	6.81	6.71	6.48	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	299.14	304.34	299.30	38.4	37.9	39.8	7.79	8.03	7.52	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	251.62	244.61	239.98	39.5	39.2	39.6	6.37	6.24	6.06	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	218.8	218.7	208.3
Unemployed	19.0	17.7	16.2
(Percent)	8.7	8.1	7.8
Resident Employed	199.8	201.0	192.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	303.5	303.1	292.4	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1
Percent Change from Last December	+3.8
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.8

1/ Preliminary estimate 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	513.6	516.3	504.9	472.9	477.3	463.0	40.7	39.0	41.9	7.9	7.6	8.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,300	45,000	42,300	41,100	41,700	39,100	3,200	3,300	3,200	7.2	7.3	7.6
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	31,600	31,800	31,700	29,200	29,500	28,800	2,400	2,300	2,900	7.6	7.2	9.1
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,200	38,500	37,700	35,100	35,600	34,600	3,100	2,900	3,100	8.1	7.5	8.2
Portland SMSA	99,800	99,600	96,100	94,400	94,200	90,200	5,400	5,400	5,900	5.4	5.4	6.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,760	28,710	28,370	26,750	26,850	26,290	2,010	1,860	2,080	7.0	6.5	7.3
Bath-Brunswick	23,080	23,600	24,350	21,680	22,220	23,050	1,400	1,380	1,300	6.1	5.8	5.3
Belfast	10,730	10,710	10,400	9,350	9,540	8,970	1,380	1,170	1,430	12.9	10.9	13.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,500	7,580	6,830	6,830	7,000	6,230	670	580	600	8.9	7.7	8.8
Calais-Eastport	13,830	14,000	14,030	12,230	12,520	12,200	1,600	1,480	1,830	11.6	10.6	13.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,090	20,170	19,150	16,680	16,860	16,850	3,410	3,310	2,300	17.0	16.4	12.0
Central Penobscot	3,500	3,550	3,540	3,270	3,330	3,260	230	220	280	6.6	6.2	7.9
Dover-Foxcroft	6,800	6,660	6,740	6,360	6,230	6,240	440	430	500	6.5	6.5	7.4
Ellsworth	19,130	19,340	18,560	17,570	18,070	17,020	1,560	1,270	1,540	8.2	6.6	8.3
Farmington	12,680	13,000	12,950	11,730	11,770	12,040	1,150	1,230	910	8.9	9.5	7.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,930	4,900	4,550	4,540	4,550	4,060	390	350	490	7.9	7.1	10.8
Greenville	1,630	1,500	1,780	1,550	1,440	1,600	80	60	180	4.9	4.0	10.1
Houlton	4,700	4,730	4,690	4,230	4,240	4,170	470	490	520	10.0	10.4	11.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,560	5,560	5,430	5,200	5,180	4,990	360	380	400	6.5	6.8	8.1
Livermore Falls	5,900	5,880	5,700	5,210	5,220	5,090	690	660	610	11.7	11.2	10.7
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,300	4,250	4,310	3,790	3,790	3,620	510	460	690	11.9	10.8	16.0
Mechanic Falls	2,470	2,430	2,350	2,180	2,160	2,030	290	270	320	11.7	11.1	13.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,020	5,010	5,080	4,730	4,710	4,760	290	300	320	5.8	6.0	6.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,250	2,290	2,310	2,080	2,120	2,060	170	170	250	7.6	7.4	10.8
Rockland	16,910	17,080	17,130	15,440	15,680	15,520	1,470	1,400	1,610	8.7	8.2	9.4
Rumford	19,840	19,850	19,670	18,190	18,270	17,840	1,650	1,580	1,830	8.3	8.0	9.3
Sebago Lake Region	10,340	10,300	10,100	9,600	9,580	9,260	740	720	840	7.2	7.0	8.3
Skowhegan	20,820	21,050	21,390	18,560	18,830	19,120	2,260	2,220	2,270	10.9	10.5	10.6
Kittery-York	19,260	19,560	17,800	18,530	18,920	16,960	730	640	840	3.8	3.3	4.7
Southwest Penobscot	7,830	8,150	8,040	6,900	7,350	7,020	930	800	1,020	11.9	9.8	12.8
Waterville	21,540	21,520	21,780	19,860	19,890	20,040	1,680	1,630	1,740	7.8	7.6	8.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,641.6	1,619.2	n/a	1,565.6	1,505.8	n/a	76.0	113.5	n/a	4.6	7.0
Massachusetts	3,052.0	3,064.0	2,989.4	2,875.0	2,894.0	2,776.7	177.0	171.0	212.7	5.8	5.6	7.1
New Hampshire	n/a	509.0	486.5	n/a	486.5	449.2	n/a	22.5	37.3	n/a	4.4	7.7
Rhode Island	489.2	490.2	481.2	456.1	459.8	433.1	33.1	30.4	48.1	6.8	6.2	10.0
Vermont	n/a	265.5	266.4	n/a	251.5	247.1	n/a	14.0	19.3	n/a	5.3	7.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,971.3	5,842.8	n/a	5,657.4	5,411.9	n/a	313.9	430.9	n/a	5.3	7.4
UNITED STATES 3/	111,795	112,147	110,477	102,803	103,018	98,849	8,992	9,129	11,628	8.0	8.1	10.5

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	12,655	9,528	15,440	1,432	1,069	2,112	952	668	1,128
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.2	2.4	3.9	1.7	1.3	2.5	2.9	2.1	3.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

AGRICULTURE CENSUS DATA FOR MAINE ALSO REVEALED THESE FACTS:

OF THE TOTAL FARMS IN MAINE, 912 HAD GROSS SALES OF $100,000 OR MORE; 4,128 REPORTED SALES OF LESS THAN $10,000.

THE AVERAGE AGE OF FARM OPERATORS WAS 49.8 YEARS; 969 WERE UNDER 35, AND 2,592 WERE 55 OR OLDER.

WOMEN OPERATED 535 FARMS OR 8 PERCENT OF THE STATE TOTAL.

FIFTY-TWO PERCENT OF THE OPERATORS REPORTED FARMING AS THEIR PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION, BUT 46 PERCENT OF ALL OPERATORS WORKED 100 DAYS OR MORE OFF THE FARM.

NINETY PERCENT OF THE FARMS WERE OPERATED BY INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES AS SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS; 384 BY PARTNERSHIPS; AND 272 BY CORPORATIONS, OF WHICH 89 PERCENT WERE FAMILY HELD.

NINETY-SIX PERCENT OF THE FARMERS OWNED ALL OR PART OF THE FARMS THEY OPERATED; 4,777 WERE FULLY OWNED; 1,932 PARTLY OWNED; AND 294 WERE OPERATED BY TENANTS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 1982 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE, OR OTHER CENSUS REPORTS, CONTACT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE, (617) 223-0226; THE BUREAU'S PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE; (301) 763-4040; OR THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, CENSUS DATA CENTER, (207) 289-2271. SINGLE COPIES OF PRELIMINARY STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS FROM THE 1982 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE MAY BE OBTAINED FOR $1.75 AND $1.50 EACH, RESPECTIVELY, PREPAID FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT OF DOCUMENTS, U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20402.

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Commissioner Malloy Retires

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR COMMISSIONER WILLIAM R. MALLOY HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO RETIRE FROM STATE SERVICE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY AFTER 29 YEARS OF WORKING IN THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FIELD.

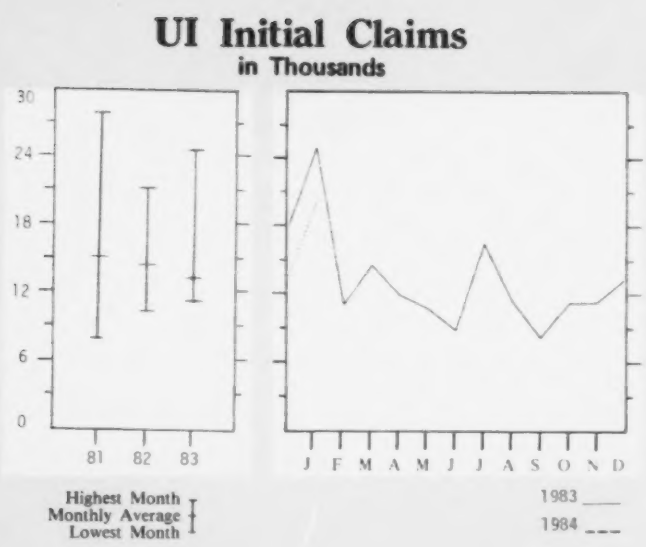
FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, COMMISSIONER MALLOY BEGAN HIS CAREER AS AN ENTRY LEVEL INTERVIEWER IN A LOCAL OFFICE. FOLLOWING A PERIOD AS LOCAL OFFICE MANAGER HE WAS NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE JOB SERVICE AND SUBSEQUENTLY HE BECAME JOB SERVICE DIRECTOR, A POSITION HE HELD FOR 12 YEARS. IN 1979 MALLOY WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA WHERE HE SERVED FOR TWO YEARS.

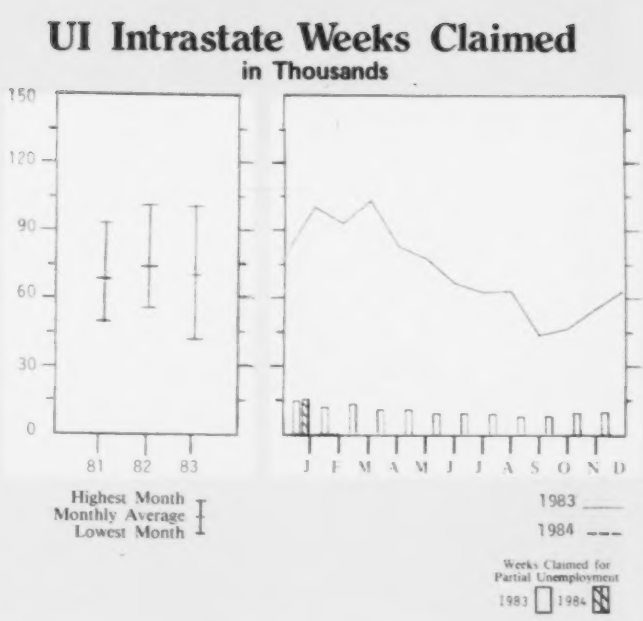
GOVERNOR JOSEPH E. BRENNAN NOMINATED MALLOY AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IN MARCH OF 1981 AND HE HAS HELD THAT POSITION FOR THREE YEARS.

WHILE COMMISSIONER, MALLOY SERVED AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE MAINE OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE STATE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL, THE MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, THE DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS COUNCIL, THE NATIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS.

MALLOY SERVED AS A CONSULTANT TO VARIOUS REGIONAL AND STATE COMMITTEES ON EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR ISSUES SINCE 1965 AND CONSULTED ON THE PREPARATION OF "GUIDE TO MAINE LABOR LAW" IN 1975.

IN ANNOUNCING HIS RETIREMENT MALLOY STATED HIS INTENTION TO SEEK ELECTION TO THE MAINE LEGISLATURE SAYING THAT AFTER MANY YEARS OF WATCHING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS HE FELT THE TIME HAD COME TO BECOME MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED.





1983--THE YEAR IN REVIEW

FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR MAINE'S ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. MAINE'S 1983 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 9.0 PERCENT COMPARED TO A NATIONAL CIVILIAN RATE OF 9.6 PERCENT.

THE YEAR 1983 WAS ONE OF RECOVERY FROM THE NATIONAL RECESSION OF 1981-1982 FOR THE MAINE ECONOMY. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES PEAKED DURING THE EARLY MONTHS OF 1983 AND BEGAN TO DECLINE AS MAINE'S ECONOMY STRENGTHENED. WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1983 ROSE ABOVE RATES FOR THE SAME MONTHS IN 1982, RATES FOR THE LAST FOUR MONTHS FELL BELOW YEAR-AGO RATES.

AFTER DECLINING BY 3,700 BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982, ANNUAL AVERAGE NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 5,400 BETWEEN 1982 AND 1983. MOST OF THIS EMPLOYMENT GAIN WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY INCREASES IN THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 5,600 BETWEEN 1982 AND 1983 DUE PRIMARILY TO GAINS BY THE RETAIL TRADE AND SERVICES DIVISIONS. ALL MAJOR RETAIL TRADE INDUSTRIES RECORDED GAINS DURING 1983, WITH THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES REGISTERED BY GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES, FOOD STORES, AND EATING AND DRINKING PLACES. EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES DIVISION INCREASED BY 2,100 DURING 1983 WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GAINS RECORDED BY HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. SMALLER GAINS WERE REGISTERED BY BUSINESS SERVICES AND HOTELS, MOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES.

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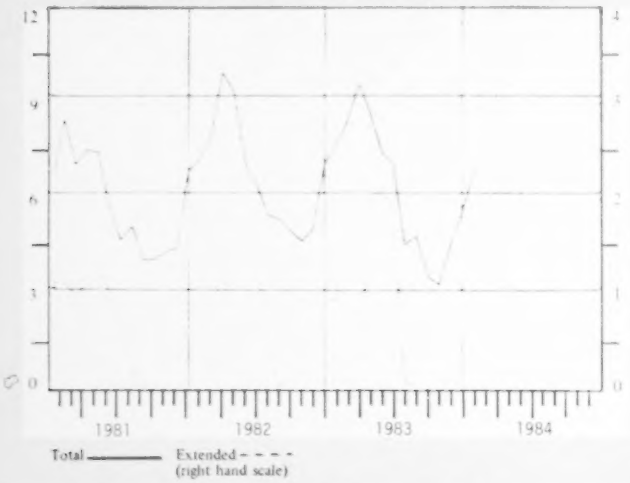
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

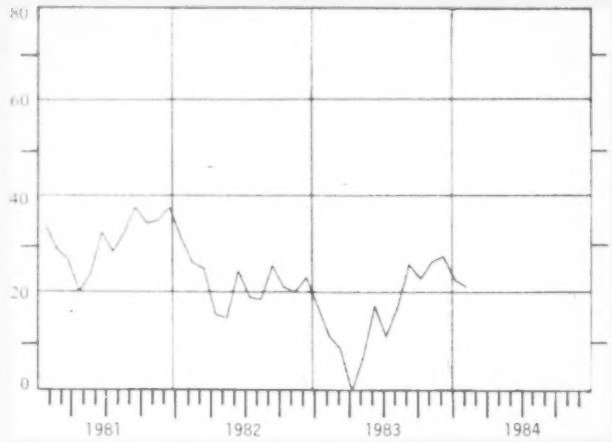
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

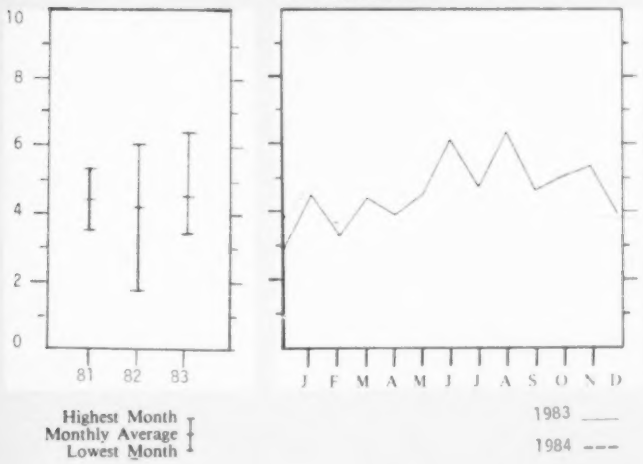
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	408.8	424.6	401.3	97.8	99.9	92.2	33.2	33.9	32.2
Total Manufacturing	109.1	109.7	106.9	16.6	16.8	16.3	11.3	11.3	10.4
Durable Goods	40.8	41.1	39.5	6.7	6.7	6.2	2.1	2.2	1.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.3	13.4	12.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	15.8	15.8	14.4	5.7	5.8	5.5	1.7	1.8	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.7	11.9	12.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Nondurable Goods	68.3	68.6	67.4	9.9	10.1	10.1	9.2	9.1	8.6
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	7.6	7.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.2	6.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.4
Apparel	4.0	4.9	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.6	18.6	18.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.3	19.8	20.5	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.2	16.7	17.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.9	2.9	2.7
All Other	3.1	3.1	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.4	10.5	9.9	4.7	4.8	4.7	2.5	2.5	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	290.7	314.9	294.4	81.2	83.1	75.9	21.9	22.6	21.8
Contract Construction	14.5	17.1	13.6	3.9	4.2	3.4	1.1	1.3	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.6	18.4	17.6	5.5	5.6	5.4	1.2	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	80.9	95.2	85.3	27.7	28.2	25.4	7.6	8.2	7.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.2	18.0	17.4	8.5	8.5	8.1	1.7	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	78.6	82.0	78.2	22.0	22.9	20.5	7.2	7.1	7.1
Government	80.9	84.2	82.4	13.6	14.1	13.1	3.1	3.1	3.2
Federal	18.3	18.4	18.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	52.6	65.8	64.1	12.1	12.6	11.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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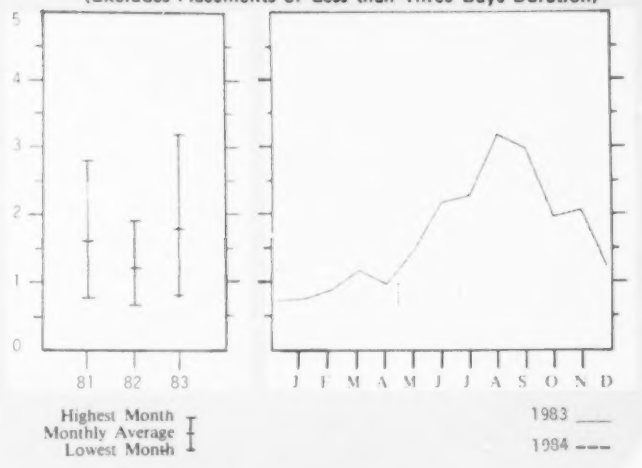

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$309.29	$314.31	$300.05	39.5	40.4	39.9	$ 7.83	$ 7.78	$ 7.52	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	322.81	325.62	324.81	40.1	40.4	40.1	8.05	8.06	8.10	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	301.60	292.00	290.97	40.0	39.3	38.9	7.54	7.43	7.48	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	307.22	319.19	296.25	40.8	41.4	39.5	7.53	7.71	7.50	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	369.48	378.14	392.18	39.2	40.4	41.9	9.40	9.36	9.36	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	301.45	307.44	284.65	39.2	40.4	39.7	7.69	7.61	7.17	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	211.59	226.15	231.04	33.8	36.3	38.0	6.26	6.23	6.08	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	257.27	262.04	221.45	41.9	43.6	39.9	6.14	6.01	5.55	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	194.50	194.71	199.97	35.3	36.6	37.1	5.51	5.32	5.39	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	512.44	525.54	472.93	46.0	46.1	45.3	11.14	11.40	10.44	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	203.33	211.30	204.24	35.3	37.2	37.0	5.76	5.68	5.52	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	265.34	266.95	249.94	38.4	39.2	38.1	6.91	6.81	6.56	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	283.84	293.14	284.25	37.2	38.4	37.9	7.63	7.79	7.50	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	241.77	251.62	232.70	37.6	39.5	38.4	6.43	6.37	6.06	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 1/
Labor Force	216.5	218.8	206.1
Unemployed	20.1	19.0	18.9
(Percent)	9.3	8.7	9.2
Resident Employed	196.4	199.8	187.2

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	305.2	303.5	293.1	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.6
Percent Change from Last December	+4.1
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+0.6

1/ Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	509.7	529.3	509.7	461.6	487.5	455.6	48.1	41.9	54.1	9.4	7.9	10.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	41,300	44,000	42,500	38,100	40,700	38,600	3,200	3,300	3,900	7.7	7.5	9.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,600	33,800	32,100	29,600	31,300	28,300	3,000	2,500	3,800	9.2	7.4	11.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,000	39,100	38,100	34,500	35,900	33,700	3,500	3,200	4,400	9.2	8.2	11.5
Portland SMSA	98,300	101,400	94,700	92,400	95,900	87,500	5,900	5,500	7,200	6.0	5.4	7.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,600	29,630	29,730	26,010	27,580	25,970	2,590	2,050	2,760	9.1	6.9	9.6
Bath-Brunswick	23,750	24,100	24,450	22,080	22,670	22,820	1,670	1,430	1,630	7.0	5.9	6.7
Belfast	11,320	11,400	10,960	9,410	9,940	9,220	1,910	1,460	1,740	16.9	12.8	15.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,600	8,390	7,280	6,650	7,670	6,400	950	720	880	12.5	8.6	12.1
Calais-Eastport	13,700	14,540	14,460	11,790	12,840	12,030	1,910	1,700	2,420	13.9	11.7	16.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,310	21,210	19,920	16,720	17,600	17,040	3,590	3,610	2,880	17.7	17.0	14.5
Central Penobscot	3,530	3,720	3,700	3,220	3,480	3,390	310	240	310	8.8	6.5	8.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,430	6,630	6,510	5,900	6,180	5,920	530	450	590	8.2	6.8	9.1
Ellsworth	18,760	19,790	18,980	16,740	18,190	16,650	2,020	1,600	2,330	10.8	8.1	12.3
Farmington	12,250	13,400	13,370	10,920	12,210	12,160	1,330	1,190	1,210	10.9	8.9	9.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,740	4,880	4,870	4,210	4,480	4,270	530	400	600	11.2	8.2	12.3
Greenville	1,520	1,830	1,500	1,420	1,740	1,310	100	90	190	6.6	4.9	12.7
Houlton	4,750	4,980	4,810	4,240	4,490	4,120	510	490	690	10.7	9.8	14.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,780	5,970	5,820	5,290	5,600	5,300	490	370	520	8.5	6.2	8.9
Livermore Falls	5,870	6,080	5,770	5,020	5,350	4,940	850	730	830	14.5	12.0	14.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,110	4,240	4,280	3,460	3,720	3,450	650	520	830	15.8	12.3	19.4
Mechanic Falls	2,230	2,170	2,170	1,880	1,880	1,730	350	290	440	15.7	13.4	20.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,940	4,990	5,220	4,610	4,700	4,810	330	290	410	6.7	5.8	7.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,120	2,210	2,290	1,940	2,020	1,960	180	190	330	8.5	8.6	14.4
Rockland	17,030	17,460	17,010	15,110	15,930	14,850	1,920	1,530	2,160	11.3	8.8	12.7
Rumford	19,760	20,390	20,320	17,820	18,700	17,810	1,940	1,690	2,510	9.8	8.3	12.4
Sebago Lake Region	11,100	11,540	10,670	10,170	10,770	9,530	930	770	1,140	8.4	6.7	10.7
Skowhegan	20,490	20,990	21,310	17,680	18,660	18,470	2,810	2,330	2,840	13.7	11.1	13.3
Kittery-York	19,100	20,410	18,050	18,110	19,670	16,940	990	740	1,110	5.2	3.6	6.1
Southwest Penobscot	8,210	8,260	8,020	7,000	7,290	6,730	1,210	970	1,290	14.7	11.7	16.1
Waterville	21,460	22,090	21,860	19,650	20,380	19,660	1,800	1,710	2,200	8.4	7.7	10.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,644.9	1,587.3	n/a	1,571.0	1,456.0	n/a	73.9	131.3	n/a	4.5	8.3
Massachusetts	3,011.0	3,052.0	2,997.0	2,790.0	2,875.0	2,759.0	221.0	177.0	238.0	7.3	5.8	7.9
New Hampshire	n/a	510.7	486.0	n/a	488.9	445.0	n/a	21.9	41.0	n/a	4.3	8.5
Rhode Island	477.3	489.2	482.0	439.1	456.1	423.0	38.2	33.1	59.0	8.0	6.8	12.2
Vermont	n/a	265.9	261.0	n/a	250.6	240.1	n/a	15.3	20.8	n/a	5.8	8.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,962.8	5,813.2	n/a	5,641.6	5,323.1	n/a	321.2	490.1	n/a	5.4	8.4
UNITED STATES 3/	111,025	111,795	109,779	101,270	102,803	97,262	9,755	8,992	12,517	8.8	8.0	11.4

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,773	12,655	20,387	1,824	1,432	2,673	1,132	952	1,551
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.0	3.1	5.2	2.2	1.7	3.4	3.5	2.9	4.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

OTHER NONMANUFACTURING DIVISIONS RECORDING EMPLOYMENT GAINS WERE WHOLESALE TRADE; GOVERNMENT; AND FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE.

ANNUAL AVERAGE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT REMAINED UNCHANGED BETWEEN 1982 AND 1983. HOWEVER, DATA FOR THIS TIME PERIOD MASKED SIGNS OF RECOVERY THAT WERE APPARENT TOWARDS THE END OF 1983. BY DECEMBER 1983 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT WAS 1,300 ABOVE THE DECEMBER 1982 LEVEL. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WHICH RECORDED MARKED IMPROVEMENT BY YEAR'S END INCLUDE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, TEXTILES, PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, AND LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS. THE IMPROVING NATIONAL ECONOMIC CLIMATE HAS BENEFITED THE TEXTILE, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AND PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AS EVIDENCED BY THE INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF NATIONAL MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS BETWEEN 1982 AND 1983 OF 10.6 PERCENT, 11.7 PERCENT, AND 8.5 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. NATIONAL HOUSING STARTS FOR 1983 ROSE 60.3 PERCENT OVER THE 1982 LEVEL PROVIDING IMPROVED DEMAND FOR MAINE LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS.

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WHERE THE JOBS ARE

Distribution of Establishments and Employment by Size Groups

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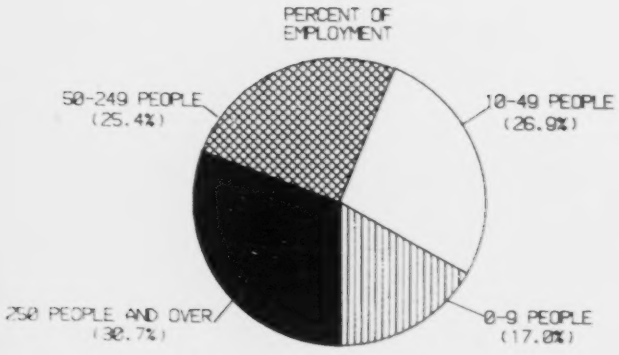

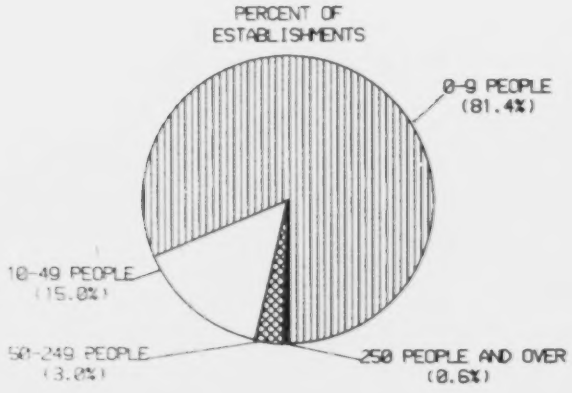

ALTHOUGH 81.4 PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES IN MAINE HAVE FEWER THAN 10 EMPLOYEES, THESE COMPANIES PROVIDE ONLY 17 PERCENT OF ALL JOBS IN THE STATE. ON THE OTHER HAND, BIG BUSINESSES--THOSE WITH MORE THAN 250 EMPLOYEES--REPRESENT ONLY 0.6 PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES BUT SUPPLY ALMOST 31 PERCENT OF ALL JOBS.

Labor Market Information Services

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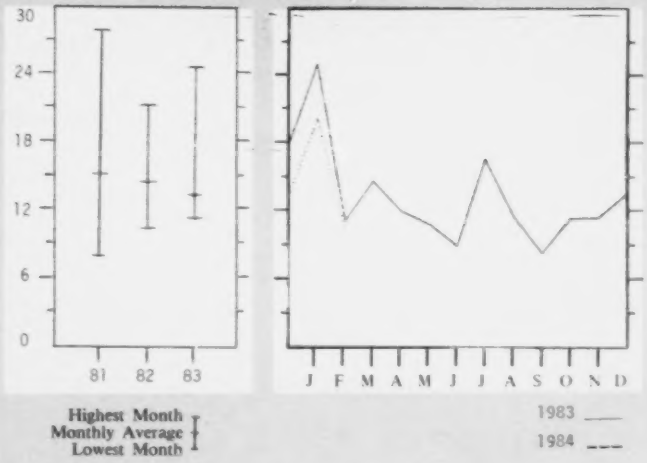

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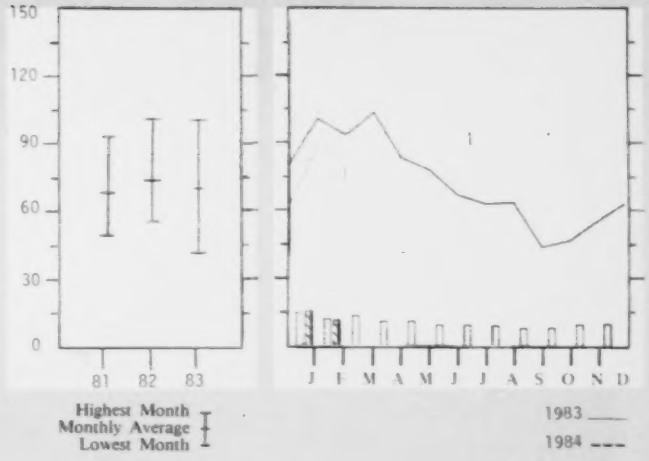

MAINE'S PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY RECORDS IMPRESSIVE GROWTH

MAINE'S PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INCLUDES FIRMS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS TYPES OF PRINTING SUCH AS LETTERPRESS, LITHOGRAPHY, OR SCREEN; AND ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH PERFORM SERVICES FOR THE PRINTING TRADE SUCH AS BOOKBINDING, TYPESETTING, ENGRAVING, AND ELECTROTYPING. ALSO INCLUDED ARE BUSINESSES THAT PUBLISH NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, AND PERIODICALS.

EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE'S PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INCREASED FROM 3,600 IN 1979 TO 4,200 IN 1983. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 16.7 PERCENT AND WAS IMPRESSIVE CONSIDERING THAT THE NATIONAL RECESSION SLOWED GROWTH OF TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE TO 1.2 PERCENT DURING THAT SAME PERIOD. EMPLOYMENT NATIONWIDE IN THE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INCREASED BY ONLY 3.9 PERCENT BETWEEN 1979 AND 1983.

MOST OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT GAIN IN MAINE'S PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY BETWEEN 1979 AND 1983 WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY COMMERCIAL PRINTERS. COMMERCIAL PRINTERS ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW FIRMS. BETWEEN THE SECOND QUARTERS OF 1979 AND 1983 THE NUMBER OF MAINE FIRMS IN THE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INCREASED FROM 195 TO 215. OF THESE NEW FIRMS, 14 WERE ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL PRINTING.

INDUSTRY OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE PRINTING OF COMPUTER FORMS AND NEW COLOR TECHNOLOGIES HAVE LED TO INCREASED BUSINESS FOR THE INDUSTRY. ALSO CITED WAS THE POPULARITY OF "QUICK PRINTERS," SHOPS THAT DO SMALL JOBS FOR COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS. SEVERAL INDUSTRY OFFICIALS SAID THAT BEING NEAR PAPER MANUFACTURING FACILITIES WAS AN ADVANTAGE FOR MAINE PRINTERS.

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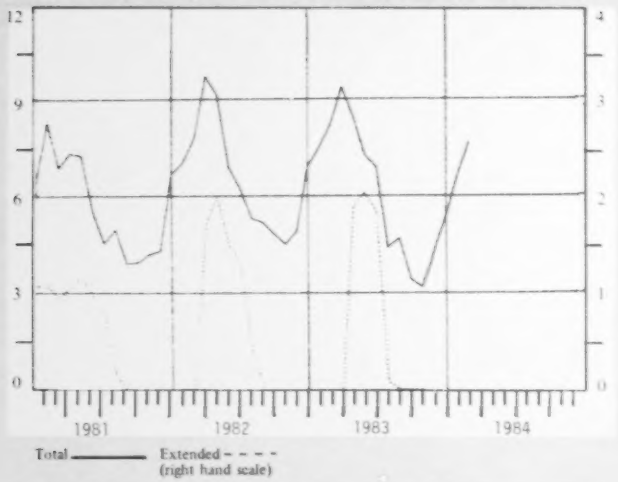
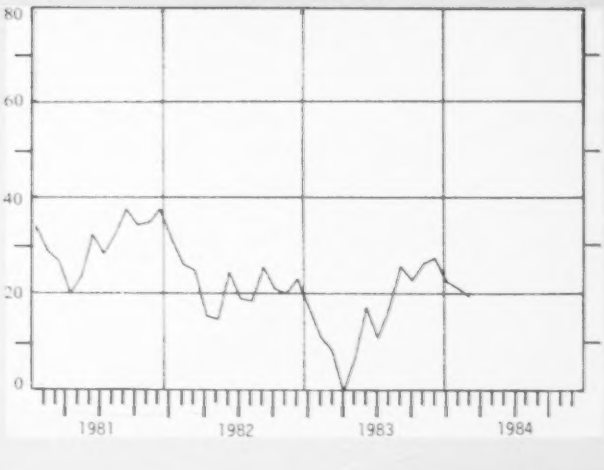


Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

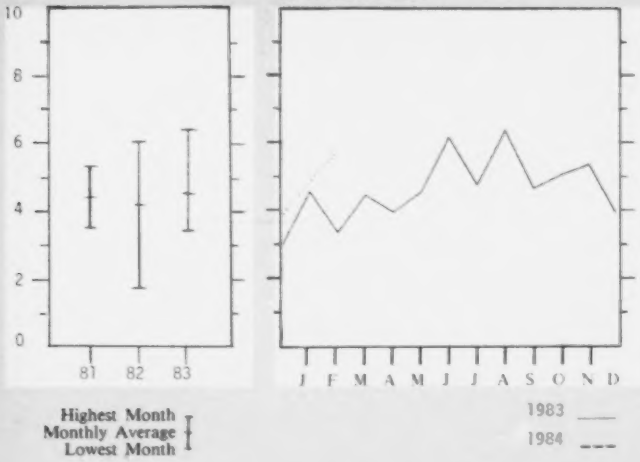
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	411.6	408.8	400.8	97.4	97.8	91.8	33.1	33.2	32.1
Total Manufacturing	109.2	109.1	106.3	16.4	16.6	16.1	11.3	11.3	10.4
Durable Goods	40.9	40.8	39.3	6.6	6.7	6.1	2.1	2.1	1.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.2	13.3	12.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.0	15.8	14.4	5.7	5.7	5.4	1.8	1.7	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.7	11.7	12.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Nondurable Goods	68.3	68.3	67.0	9.8	9.9	10.0	9.2	9.2	8.6
Food and Kindred Products	8.3	8.0	7.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.2	6.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.5
Apparel	4.9	4.8	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.6	18.6	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	18.8	19.3	20.5	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	15.7	16.2	17.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.9	2.9	2.7
All Other	3.1	3.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.5	10.4	9.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	2.4	2.4	2.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	302.4	299.7	294.5	81.0	81.2	75.7	21.8	21.9	21.7
Contract Construction	13.4	14.5	12.7	3.7	3.9	3.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.5	17.6	17.6	5.4	5.5	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	88.2	89.9	83.5	26.9	27.7	24.8	7.6	7.6	7.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.1	18.2	17.3	8.6	8.5	8.0	1.6	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	80.9	78.6	78.3	22.1	22.0	20.6	7.2	7.2	7.2
Government	84.3	80.9	85.1	14.3	13.6	13.7	3.1	3.1	3.2
Federal	18.3	18.3	18.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
State and Local 5/	66.0	62.6	66.9	12.8	12.1	12.2	2.9	2.9	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



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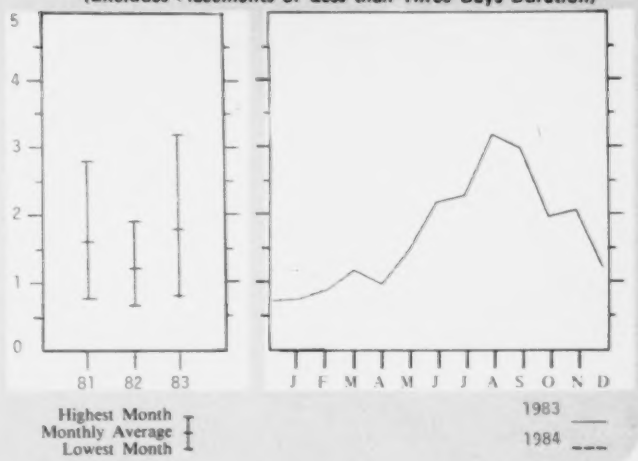
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$314.36	$309.67	$288.78	40.2	39.6	38.3	$7.82	$7.82	$7.54	$7.61	$7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	324.00	322.81	307.13	40.5	40.1	38.2	8.00	8.05	8.04	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	297.14	301.60	283.04	40.1	40.0	38.3	7.41	7.54	7.39	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	309.07	307.22	288.75	41.1	40.8	38.5	7.52	7.53	7.50	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	378.68	368.48	353.61	40.2	39.2	37.9	9.42	9.40	9.33	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	309.17	301.43	278.06	40.1	39.3	38.3	7.71	7.67	7.26	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	220.63	211.59	215.68	35.7	33.8	34.9	6.18	6.26	6.18	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	263.00	257.73	217.16	43.4	42.6	38.3	6.06	6.05	5.67	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	208.68	194.50	180.58	37.6	35.3	34.2	5.55	5.51	5.28	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	514.58	512.44	470.40	45.7	46.0	44.8	11.26	11.14	10.50	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	211.18	203.33	196.35	36.6	35.3	35.7	5.77	5.76	5.50	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	269.57	265.34	242.14	38.4	38.4	36.8	7.02	6.91	6.58	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	297.89	283.84	266.52	39.3	37.2	35.3	7.58	7.63	7.55	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	246.38	241.94	228.75	38.8	38.1	37.5	6.35	6.35	6.10	6.16	5.86	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	216.8	216.5	208.8
Unemployed	18.3	20.1	20.2
(Percent)	8.4%	9.3%	9.7%
Resident Employed	198.5	196.4	188.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items [CPI-U]	306.6	305.2	293.2	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.0
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.6

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	514.8	509.7	512.1	469.3	461.6	456.6	45.5	48.1	55.5	8.8	9.4	10.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,200	41,300	42,900	39,500	38,100	39,000	2,700	3,200	3,900	6.4	7.7	9.1
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,700	32,600	31,900	29,800	29,600	28,100	2,900	3,000	3,800	8.9	9.2	11.9
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,300	38,000	38,100	35,000	34,500	33,700	3,300	3,500	4,400	8.6	9.2	11.5
Portland SMSA	99,400	98,300	95,000	93,600	92,400	87,600	5,800	5,900	7,400	5.8	6.0	7.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,020	28,600	28,840	26,730	26,010	26,100	2,290	2,590	2,740	7.9	9.1	9.5
Bath-Brunswick	23,460	23,750	24,350	21,870	22,080	22,870	1,590	1,670	1,660	6.8	7.0	6.8
Belfast	11,230	11,320	11,030	9,490	9,410	9,230	1,740	1,910	1,800	15.5	16.9	16.3
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,720	7,600	7,530	6,800	6,650	6,600	920	950	930	11.9	12.5	12.4
Calais Eastport	13,870	13,700	14,600	12,010	11,790	12,090	1,860	1,910	2,510	13.4	13.9	17.2
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,430	20,310	20,140	17,210	16,720	17,130	3,220	3,590	3,010	15.8	17.7	14.9
Central Penobscot	3,510	3,530	3,670	3,250	3,220	3,350	260	310	320	7.4	8.8	8.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,420	6,430	6,520	5,970	5,900	5,910	450	530	610	7.0	8.2	9.4
Ellsworth	19,000	18,760	19,230	16,980	16,740	16,660	2,020	2,020	2,570	10.6	10.8	13.4
Farmington	12,550	12,250	13,490	11,350	10,920	12,330	1,200	1,330	1,160	9.6	10.9	8.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,880	4,740	5,080	4,370	4,210	4,470	510	530	610	10.5	11.2	12.0
Greenville	1,560	1,520	1,540	1,480	1,420	1,350	80	100	190	5.1	6.6	12.3
Houlton	4,820	4,750	4,750	4,300	4,240	4,090	520	510	660	10.8	10.7	13.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,810	5,780	5,900	5,380	5,290	5,340	430	490	560	7.4	8.5	9.5
Livermore Falls	5,940	5,870	5,750	5,060	5,020	4,910	880	850	840	14.8	14.5	14.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,040	4,110	4,280	3,440	3,460	3,400	600	650	880	14.9	15.8	20.6
Mechanic Falls	2,280	2,230	2,170	1,940	1,880	1,700	340	350	470	14.9	15.7	21.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,920	4,940	5,180	4,670	4,610	4,770	250	330	410	5.1	6.7	7.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,150	2,120	2,280	1,950	1,940	1,960	200	180	320	9.3	8.5	14.0
Rockland	17,430	17,030	17,330	15,690	15,110	14,910	1,740	1,920	2,420	10.0	11.3	14.0
Rumford	20,010	19,760	20,380	18,160	17,820	17,920	1,850	1,940	2,460	9.2	9.8	12.1
Sebago Lake Region	11,280	11,100	10,730	10,380	10,170	9,510	900	930	1,220	8.0	8.4	11.4
Skowhegan	20,520	20,490	21,410	17,860	17,680	18,520	2,660	2,810	2,890	13.0	13.7	13.5
Kittery-York	19,670	19,100	18,020	18,230	18,110	16,910	1,440	990	1,110	7.3	5.2	6.2
Southwest Penobscot	8,110	8,210	8,140	7,010	7,000	6,770	1,100	1,210	1,370	13.6	14.7	16.8
Waterville	21,690	21,450	21,790	19,900	19,650	19,420	1,790	1,800	2,370	8.3	8.4	10.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,594.0	1,575.7	n/a	1,509.8	1,455.4	n/a	84.2	120.3	n/a	5.3	7.6
Massachusetts	3,033.0	3,011.0	2,932.0	2,860.0	2,790.0	2,712.0	173.0	221.0	220.0	5.7	7.3	7.5
New Hampshire	n/a	498.7	482.9	n/a	472.3	443.3	n/a	26.3	39.5	n/a	5.3	8.2
Rhode Island	475.9	477.3	471.5	439.0	439.1	421.3	36.9	38.2	50.2	7.8	8.0	10.6
Vermont	264.3	264.3	266.7	244.2	245.2	243.7	20.2	19.1	23.0	7.6	7.2	8.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,845.2	5,728.7	n/a	5,456.4	5,275.7	n/a	388.8	453.0	n/a	6.7	7.9
UNITED STATES 3/	111,368	111,025	109,647	101,961	101,270	97,265	9,407	9,755	12,382	8.4	8.8	11.3

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes
1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,148	15,773	20,629	1,915	1,824	2,791	1,132	1,132	1,596
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.8	4.0	5.3	2.3	2.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	5.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.1	8.5	8.8
Clerical and Sales	16.6	16.6	15.9
Service	11.4	11.6	9.2
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.4	1.9	2.1
Processing	3.7	4.7	4.0
Machine Trades	11.4	11.3	11.3
Benchwork	9.8	9.2	8.0
Structural Work	21.8	20.1	23.2
Miscellaneous	15.8	16.1	17.5

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	58.3	55.4	62.0
Under 22	6.8	5.8	6.9
22-24	11.2	10.4	11.7
25-34	30.3	29.0	32.8
35-39	10.0	10.2	10.6
Total 40 and Over	41.7	44.6	38.0
40-44	7.9	7.8	7.9
45-54	12.1	11.5	13.3
55-64	9.7	9.4	10.2
65 and Over	12.0	15.9	6.6

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HOW IT WORKS -- WORKERS DISPLACED FROM THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF INCREASED FOREIGN IMPORTS ARE HELPED TO BECOME EMPLOYED AGAIN BY THE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (TAA) PROGRAM. THE TAA PROGRAM PROVIDES WEEKLY CASH BENEFITS CALLED TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES (TRA), TRAINING, JOB SEARCH AND RELOCATION ALLOWANCES, AND OTHER REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

WORKERS ELIGIBLE FOR TAA MAY RECEIVE:

-- SPECIAL HELP IN FINDING A NEW JOB.

-- TRAINING IN A NEW SKILL IF SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT IS NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE. WHEN THE TRAINING FACILITY IS LOCATED BEYOND NORMAL COMMUTING DISTANCE, TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES MAY BE PAID.

-- JOB SEARCH ALLOWANCES TO COVER EXPENSES WHILE LOOKING FOR WORK OUTSIDE OF COMMUTING RANGE. THESE PAYMENTS MAY NOT EXCEED 90 PERCENT OF NECESSARY TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES UP TO A MAXIMUM OF $600.

-- RELOCATION ALLOWANCES (90 PERCENT OF MOVING EXPENSES) TO HELP WORKERS MOVE THEIR FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS TO NEW EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE THE COMMUTING AREA. IN ADDITION, WORKERS MAY RECEIVE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT -- NOT TO EXCEED $600 -- TO HELP THEM GET SETTLED.

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UI Initial Claims
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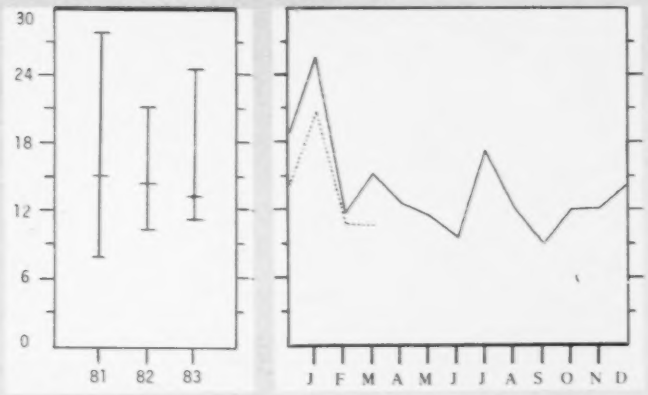

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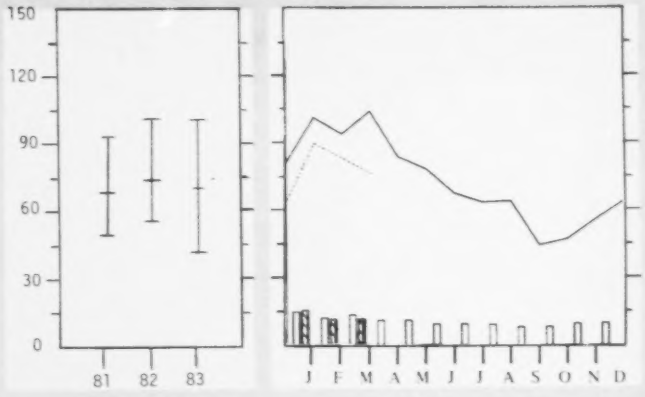


-- TRA, GENERALLY AT THE LEVEL OF REGULAR WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) BENEFIT CHECKS, BECOMES PAYABLE WHEN WORKERS HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO ALL OTHER JOBLESS BENEFITS: REGULAR STATE UI, EXTENDED BENEFITS (EB), AND FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION (FSC). TRA IS LIMITED TO 52 TIMES THE TRA WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT MINUS ALL OTHER JOBLESS BENEFITS RECEIVED. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS LIMITATION OCCURS WHEN WORKERS ARE ENROLLED IN APPROVED TRAINING COURSES, IN WHICH CASE THEY MAY BE PAID UP TO 26 ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF TRA.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TRA, A WORKER MUST HAVE EARNED AT LEAST $30 A WEEK FOR 26 WEEKS IN THE 52-WEEK PERIOD ENDING THE WEEK OF THEIR LAYOFF. NOTE: UP TO 7 WEEKS OF DISABILITY OR OTHER EMPLOYER AUTHORIZED LEAVE MAY BE COUNTED AS QUALIFYING WEEKS OF EMPLOYMENT.

WHO ARE SERVED -- TAA IS FOR WORKERS IN SITUATIONS WHERE INCREASED IMPORTS OF FOREIGN MADE PRODUCTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO THEIR LOSS OF A JOB. TO ASSURE THAT THE BENEFITS GO TO SUCH WORKERS, THE LAW REQUIRES THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) TO DETERMINE WHETHER IMPORTS WERE AN IMPORTANT CAUSE OF JOB REDUCTIONS AT A PARTICULAR COMPANY OR SUBDIVISION. THE DEPARTMENT MAKES THIS DETERMINATION IN RESPONSE TO PETITIONS FROM WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN LAID OFF OR THREATENED WITH LAYOFFS. IF DOL FINDS THAT IMPORTS WERE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR, IT CERTIFIES THE AFFECTED WORKERS IN THAT COMPANY OR SUBDIVISION AS BEING ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR TAA.

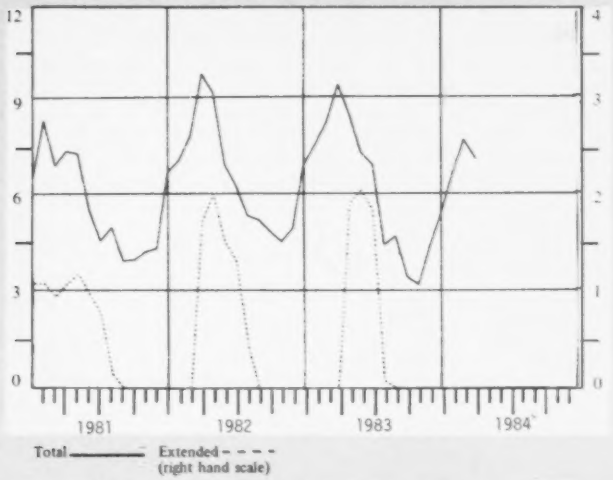
HOW TO FILE PETITIONS -- CERTIFICATION PETITIONS FOR TAA MAY BE FILED BY A GROUP OF THREE OR MORE WORKERS, THEIR UNION, OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OR JOB SERVICE OFFICE OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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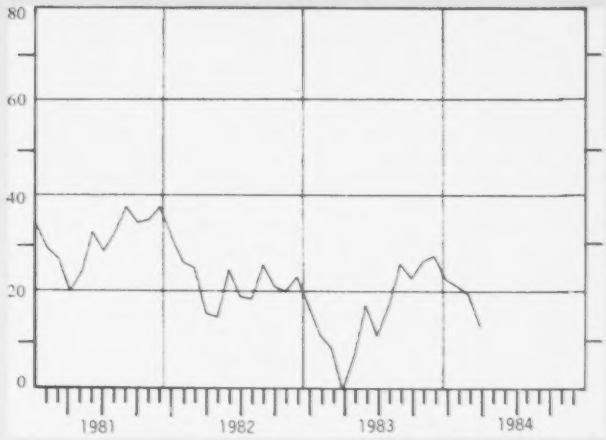

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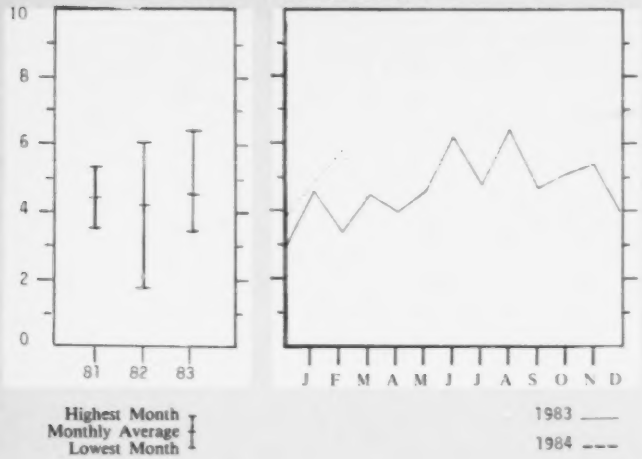
Nondurable Goods	68.1	68.3	67.2	9.5	9.8	9.9	9.2	9.2	8.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.3	8.3	7.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.8	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.2	6.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.5
Apparel	4.9	4.9	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.6	18.6	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	18.5	18.8	20.7	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	15.5	15.7	17.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.9	2.9	2.9
All Other	3.0	3.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.6	10.5	9.8	4.7	4.8	4.6	2.5	2.4	2.3
Total Nonmanufacturing	305.0	302.4	296.4	81.4	81.0	76.1	22.1	21.8	21.9
Contract Construction	13.4	13.4	12.8	3.8	3.7	3.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.6	17.5	17.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	89.9	88.2	84.8	26.7	26.9	25.0	7.7	7.6	7.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.3	18.1	17.5	8.6	8.6	8.1	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	81.0	80.9	78.6	22.2	22.1	20.7	7.3	7.2	7.2
Government	84.8	84.3	85.0	14.7	14.3	13.7	3.2	3.1	3.2
Federal	18.3	18.3	18.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.5	66.0	66.7	13.2	12.8	12.2	2.9	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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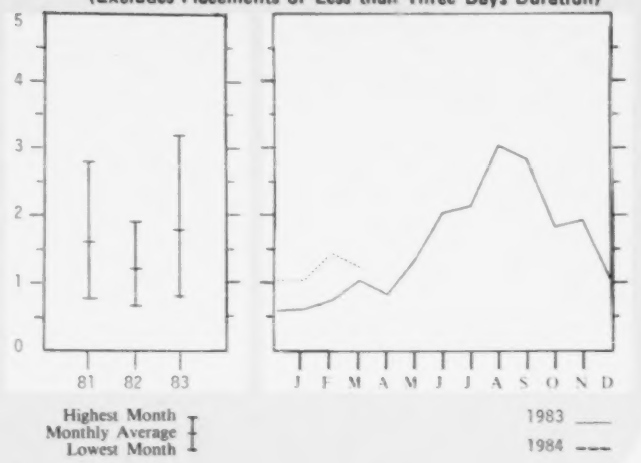
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$296.76	$314.36	$298.98	37.3	40.2	39.6	$7.83	$7.82	$7.55	$7.61	$7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	300.66	324.00	320.40	38.3	40.5	39.9	7.85	8.00	8.03	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	278.20	297.14	283.68	38.8	40.1	39.4	7.17	7.41	7.20	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	298.94	309.07	296.29	39.7	41.1	39.4	7.53	7.52	7.52	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	332.01	378.68	386.75	35.7	40.2	41.1	9.30	9.42	9.41	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	294.41	309.17	286.83	37.6	40.1	39.4	7.83	7.71	7.28	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	211.20	220.63	225.79	32.0	35.7	36.3	6.60	6.18	6.22	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	248.88	263.00	220.02	40.6	43.4	38.0	6.13	6.06	5.79	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	181.12	208.68	191.00	32.4	37.6	35.7	5.59	5.55	5.35	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	500.64	514.58	482.90	44.7	45.7	45.6	11.20	11.26	10.59	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	196.81	211.18	206.09	33.7	36.6	37.0	5.84	5.77	5.57	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	261.52	269.57	257.40	37.2	38.4	39.0	7.03	7.02	6.60	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	287.23	297.89	283.13	37.4	39.3	37.7	7.68	7.58	7.51	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	230.91	246.38	236.73	35.8	38.8	39.0	6.45	6.35	6.07	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	223.5	218.6	213.1
Unemployed	17.7	18.3	19.8
(Percent)	7.9%	8.4%	9.3%
Resident Employed	205.9	200.3	193.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-u)	307.3	306.6	293.4	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+1.3
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.7

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	529.1	514.8	516.0	484.8	469.3	460.5	44.3	45.5	55.5	8.4	8.8	10.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,500	42,200	43,300	40,500	39,500	39,300	3,000	2,700	4,000	6.9	6.4	9.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	33,800	32,700	32,200	30,900	29,800	28,500	2,900	2,900	3,700	8.6	8.9	11.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,500	38,300	38,300	36,400	35,000	34,200	3,100	3,300	4,100	7.8	8.6	10.7
Portland SMSA	102,200	99,400	95,600	96,800	93,600	88,200	5,400	5,800	7,400	5.3	5.8	7.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,830	29,020	29,100	27,540	26,730	26,380	2,290	2,290	2,720	7.7	7.9	9.3
Bath-Brunswick	23,600	23,460	24,670	22,070	21,870	22,960	1,530	1,590	1,710	6.5	6.8	6.9
Belfast	12,010	11,230	11,090	9,900	9,490	9,260	2,110	1,740	1,830	17.6	15.5	16.5
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	8,000	7,720	7,570	7,120	6,800	6,630	880	920	940	11.0	11.9	12.4
Calais-Eastport	14,210	13,870	14,810	12,400	12,010	12,240	1,810	1,860	2,570	12.7	13.4	17.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,830	20,430	20,350	17,750	17,210	17,280	3,080	3,220	3,070	14.8	15.8	15.1
Central Penobscot	3,460	3,510	3,500	3,180	3,250	3,150	280	260	350	8.1	7.4	10.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,520	6,420	6,520	6,070	5,970	5,860	450	450	660	6.9	7.0	10.1
Ellsworth	19,570	19,000	19,480	17,560	16,980	16,910	2,010	2,020	2,570	10.3	10.6	13.2
Farmington	12,890	12,550	13,520	11,680	11,350	12,300	1,210	1,200	1,220	9.4	9.6	9.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,030	4,880	5,030	4,390	4,370	4,360	640	510	670	12.7	10.5	13.3
Greenville	1,510	1,560	1,440	1,420	1,480	1,260	90	80	180	6.0	5.1	12.5
Houlton	4,910	4,820	4,800	4,450	4,300	4,100	460	520	700	9.4	10.8	14.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,810	5,810	5,850	5,390	5,380	5,230	420	430	620	7.2	7.4	10.6
Livermore Falls	6,170	5,940	5,930	5,310	5,060	5,090	860	880	840	13.9	14.8	14.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,160	4,040	4,280	3,560	3,440	3,410	600	600	870	14.4	14.9	20.3
Mechanic Falls	2,260	2,280	2,120	1,980	1,940	1,710	280	340	410	12.4	14.9	19.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,030	4,920	5,250	4,750	4,670	4,750	280	250	500	5.6	5.1	9.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,130	2,150	2,280	1,940	1,950	1,940	190	200	340	8.9	9.3	14.9
Rockland	18,350	17,430	17,370	16,730	15,690	14,960	1,620	1,740	2,410	8.8	10.0	13.9
Rumford	20,430	20,010	20,830	18,580	18,160	18,450	1,850	1,850	2,380	9.1	9.2	11.4
Sebago Lake Region	11,520	11,280	10,890	10,680	10,380	9,630	840	900	1,260	7.3	8.0	11.6
Skowhegan	21,240	20,520	21,290	18,720	17,860	18,430	2,520	2,660	2,860	11.9	13.0	13.4
Kittery-York	20,110	19,670	18,590	19,310	18,230	17,560	800	1,440	1,030	4.0	7.3	5.5
Southwest Penobscot	8,490	8,110	8,170	7,240	7,010	6,820	1,250	1,100	1,350	14.7	13.6	16.5
Waterville	22,220	21,690	22,010	20,560	19,900	19,660	1,660	1,790	2,350	7.5	8.3	10.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,594.1	1,587.2	n/a	1,512.0	1,472.5	n/a	82.1	114.7	n/a	5.2	7.2
Massachusetts	3,002.0	2,986.0	2,939.6	2,826.0	2,797.0	2,704.0	175.0	189.0	235.6	5.8	6.3	8.0
New Hampshire	n/a	501.8	485.0	n/a	476.1	450.7	n/a	25.7	34.3	n/a	5.1	7.1
Rhode Island	476.9	475.9	473.3	442.9	439.0	426.9	34.0	36.9	46.4	7.1	7.8	9.8
Vermont	265.2	264.3	267.5	245.0	244.2	245.5	20.2	20.2	22.0	7.6	7.6	8.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,822.2	5,752.6	n/a	5,468.3	5,299.6	n/a	353.9	453.0	n/a	6.1	7.9
UNITED STATES 3/	111,828	111,368	109,873	102,770	101,961	97,994	9,057	9,407	11,879	8.1	8.4	10.8

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,230	15,148	19,215	1,824	1,915	2,665	1,008	1,132	1,338
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.8	3.8	4.9	2.2	2.3	3.4	3.1	3.6	4.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.0	8.1	9.6
Clerical and Sales	16.6	16.6	17.9
Service	11.2	11.4	9.8
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.3	2.4	2.9
Processing	3.3	3.7	3.5
Machine Trades	11.4	11.4	10.5
Benchwork	9.1	8.8	7.0
Structural Work	22.4	21.8	23.0
Miscellaneous	15.7	15.8	15.8

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	57.0	58.3	61.7
Under 22	6.3	6.8	6.7
22-24	10.6	11.2	11.8
25-34	29.8	30.3	32.5
35-39	10.3	10.0	10.7
Total 40 and Over	43.0	41.7	38.3
40-44	7.7	7.9	7.8
45-54	11.8	12.1	13.3
55-64	9.8	9.7	10.8
65 and Over	13.7	12.0	6.4

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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MAINE COUNTIES RANK HIGH IN PERSONAL INCOME GAINS

THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS RELEASED 1982 PERSONAL INCOME ESTIMATES FOR ALL U.S. COUNTIES. FOUR MAINE COUNTIES HAD AMONG THE HIGHEST TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME GROWTH RATES IN NEW ENGLAND FROM 1981 TO 1982. CUMBERLAND COUNTY WAS FIFTH AMONG METROPOLITAN COUNTIES, AND SAGADAHOC, LINCOLN, AND SOMERSET COUNTIES WERE AMONG THE TOP FIVE NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

PERSONAL INCOME INCREASED 7.5 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND DURING THIS PERIOD, WHICH WAS 1.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS MORE THAN THE NATIONAL INCREASE AND THIRD AMONG EIGHT REGIONS INTO WHICH THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DIVIDES THE U.S. ALL NEW ENGLAND STATES HAD INCREASES IN PERSONAL INCOME LARGER THAN THE NATIONAL INCREASE. PERSONAL INCOME IN MAINE INCREASED BY 6.4 PERCENT.

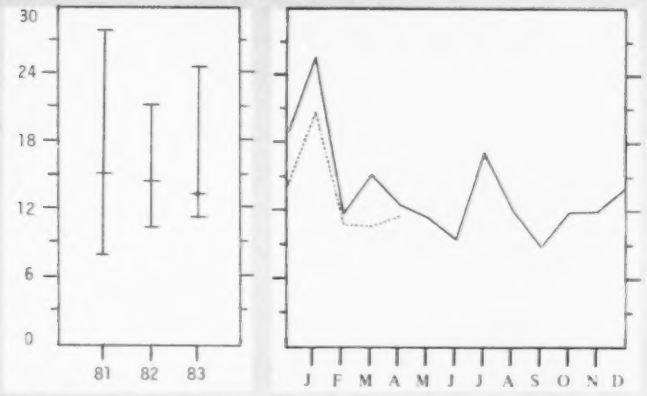
FOLLOWING IS A TABLE PRESENTING THE COUNTIES WITH THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE GAINS IN PERSONAL INCOME FROM 1981 TO 1982.

NEW ENGLAND COUNTIES WITH LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASES, 1981-1982*
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES	PERCENT CHANGE	NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES	PERCENT CHANGE
ROCKINGHAM, NH	9.9	SAGADAHOC, ME	15.9
HILLSBOROUGH, NH	9.3	NANTUCKET, MA	11.8
NEW LONDON, CT	8.9	LINCOLN, ME	10.6
CHITTENDEN, VT	8.9	SOMERSET, ME	10.3
CUMBERLAND, ME	8.8	DUKES, MA	8.9

* EXCLUDING COUNTIES WITH 1982 PERSONAL INCOMES LESS THAN $50 MILLION.

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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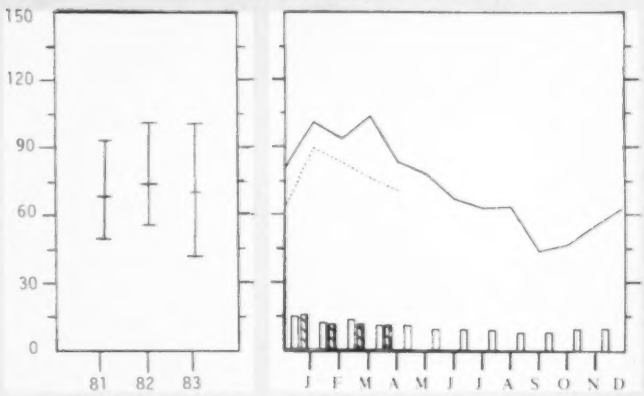


AS MAINE GOES, SO GOES THE NATION ?

IS MAINE AN INDICATOR OF NATIONAL TRENDS AS IT ONCE WAS ON THE POLITICAL SCENE? NO, ACCORDING TO DETAILED U.S. SUMMARY DATA FROM THE 1980 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING. THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS RECENTLY RELEASED GENERAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS AND DETAILED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES. PUBLICATIONS OF THE SAME TITLES CONTAINING COMPARABLE INFORMATION HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED FOR MAINE. ALL OF THE PUBLICATIONS CAN BE ACCESSED AT THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S CENSUS DATA CENTER.

MAINE'S POPULATION IS OVERWHELMINGLY WHITE, WITH RACIAL AND HISPANIC MINORITIES COMPRISING ONLY 1.8 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. BY COMPARISON, OVER 23 PERCENT OF THE U.S. POPULATION ARE PERSONS OF EITHER NONWHITE RACE OR SPANISH ORIGIN, OR BOTH. THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE U.S. WHO WERE BORN IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY ARE FROM MEXICO (15.6 PERCENT), WHILE IMMIGRANTS IN MAINE ARE OVERWHELMINGLY FROM CANADA (62.6 PERCENT).

IN THE U.S. AS A WHOLE, 73.7 PERCENT OF ALL PERSONS LIVE IN URBAN AREAS. MAINE'S URBAN COMPONENT IS ONLY 47.5 PERCENT. IN 1980, ONLY 3.2 PERCENT OF ALL U.S. OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS USED WOOD AS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF HEATING FUEL COMPARED TO 15.1 PERCENT FOR MAINE.

HOUSING UNITS IN MAINE ARE GENERALLY OLDER, WITH 47.5 PERCENT BUILT BEFORE 1940, COMPARED TO ONLY 26 PERCENT NATIONWIDE. HOUSING EXPENSES IN MAINE WERE LOWER THAN FOR THE NATION AS A WHOLE. MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSING COSTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH MORTGAGES WERE $317 IN MAINE COMPARED TO $366 IN THE UNITED STATES. MEDIAN GROSS RENTS IN MAINE AND THE U.S. WERE $216 AND $243, RESPECTIVELY.

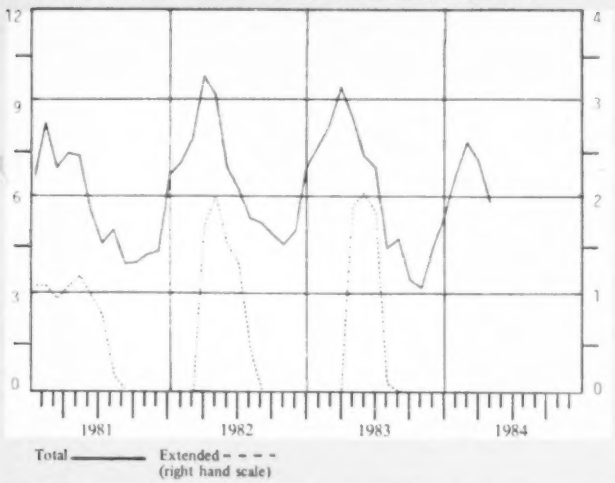
THESE CHARACTERISTICS AND MANY OTHERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE 1980 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING FOR THE UNITED STATES, REGIONS, DIVISIONS, STATES, AND, WITHIN MAINE, MOST CITIES, TOWNS, AND COUNTIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE, (617) 223-0226; OR THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, CENSUS DATA CENTER, (207) 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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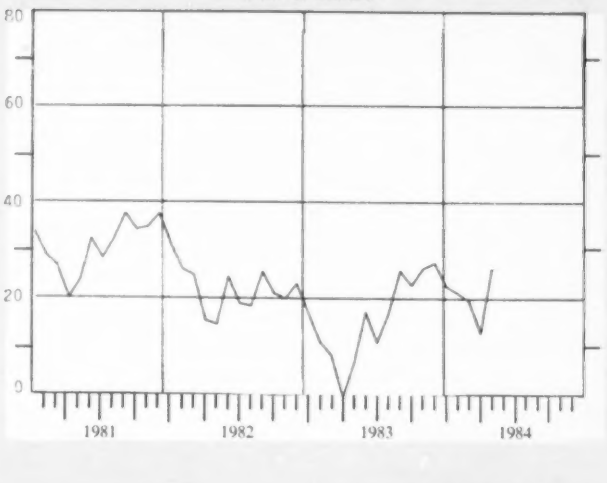
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	421.7	414.0	410.6	99.6	98.0	93.7	34.0	33.5	33.1
Total Manufacturing	108.0	109.0	106.2	16.8	16.6	15.9	11.5	11.4	10.8
Durable Goods	40.4	41.6	38.9	7.4	7.2	6.3	2.2	2.2	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.5	12.9	10.9	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.3	16.3	14.4	5.9	5.8	5.3	1.8	1.8	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.6	12.4	13.6	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	67.6	67.4	67.3	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.3	9.2	8.9
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.3	7.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.3	7.2	6.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.6	1.5
Apparel	5.0	4.9	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.7	18.6	18.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	18.7	18.5	20.9	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	15.7	15.5	17.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	2.9	2.8
All Other	3.0	3.0	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.9	9.9	9.4	4.6	4.6	4.5	2.5	2.5	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	313.7	305.0	304.4	82.8	81.4	77.8	22.5	22.1	22.3
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	15.3	13.4	14.5	4.3	3.8	3.8	1.2	1.1	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.6	17.6	17.8	5.4	5.4	5.5	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	94.5	89.9	89.2	27.2	26.7	25.5	7.9	7.7	7.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	18.5	18.3	17.8	8.7	8.6	8.3	1.7	1.6	1.6
Services	83.2	80.9	80.4	22.8	22.2	21.2	7.4	7.3	7.3
Government	84.4	84.8	84.5	14.4	14.7	13.5	3.1	3.2	3.2
Federal	18.1	18.3	18.0	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.3	66.5	66.5	13.0	13.2	12.1	2.9	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/Regular teachers are inlcuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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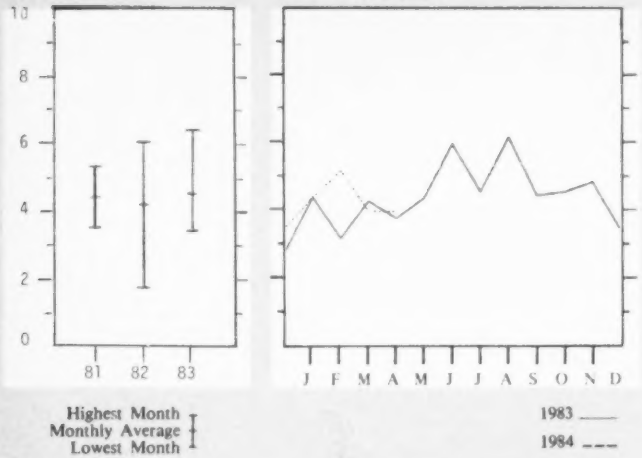
New Applications For Work

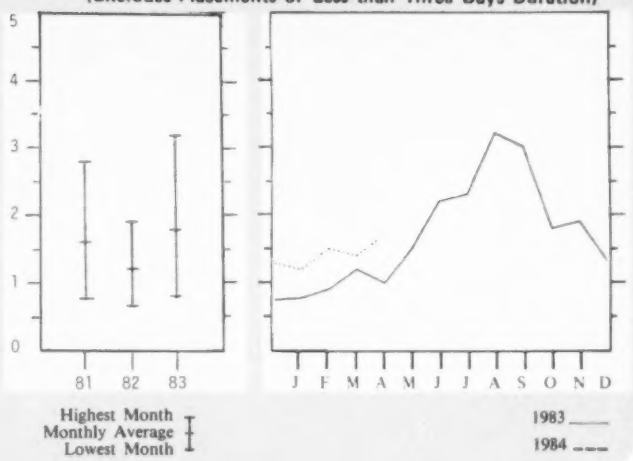
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$315.57	$296.76	$296.91	40.2	37.9	39.8	$ 7.85	$ 7.83	$ 7.46	$ 7.61	$ 7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	327.22	300.66	315.61	40.8	38.3	39.5	8.02	7.85	7.99	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	287.34	278.20	271.91	40.7	38.8	38.9	7.06	7.17	6.99	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	318.06	298.94	296.72	41.2	39.7	39.3	7.72	7.53	7.55	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	382.18	332.01	378.14	40.4	35.7	40.4	9.46	9.30	9.36	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	308.45	294.41	286.48	39.8	37.6	39.9	7.75	7.83	7.18	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	235.14	211.20	220.89	36.4	32.0	37.0	6.46	6.60	5.97	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	258.16	248.88	226.69	42.6	40.6	39.7	6.06	6.13	5.71	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	201.60	181.12	191.69	35.0	32.4	36.1	5.76	5.59	5.31	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	508.50	500.64	477.01	45.2	44.7	45.3	11.25	11.20	10.53	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	214.18	196.81	209.99	36.8	33.7	37.7	5.82	5.84	5.57	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	273.29	261.52	260.29	38.6	37.2	39.8	7.08	7.03	6.54	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	311.62	287.23	285.01	39.9	37.4	37.8	7.81	7.68	7.54	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	247.15	230.91	242.78	38.2	35.8	39.8	6.47	6.45	6.10	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	231.4	223.5	215.0
Unemployed	16.6	17.7	18.7
(Percent)	7.2%	7.9%	8.7%
Resident Employed	214.8	205.8	196.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items [illegible]	308.8	307.3	295.5	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.5%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	545.3	529.1	525.6	504.3	484.8	471.9	41.0	44.3	53.7	7.5	8.4	10.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,800	43,500	43,700	42,100	40,500	40,100	2,700	3,000	3,600	6.0	6.9	8.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	34,700	33,800	32,900	32,300	30,900	29,600	2,400	2,900	3,300	6.9	8.6	10.0
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	40,300	39,500	38,500	37,600	36,400	34,700	2,700	3,100	3,800	6.7	7.8	9.9
Portland SMSA	104,700	102,200	96,200	100,000	96,800	89,400	4,700	5,400	6,800	4.5	5.3	7.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,540	29,830	29,040	28,320	27,540	26,510	2,220	2,290	2,530	7.3	7.7	8.7
Bath-Brunswick	24,310	23,600	24,970	23,030	22,070	23,410	1,280	1,530	1,560	5.3	6.5	6.2
Belfast	11,680	12,010	11,090	10,130	9,900	9,280	1,550	2,110	1,810	13.3	17.6	16.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,200	8,000	7,630	7,470	7,120	6,860	730	880	770	8.9	11.0	10.1
Calais-Eastport	14,890	14,210	15,480	12,900	12,400	12,720	1,990	1,810	2,760	13.4	12.7	17.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,520	20,830	20,910	18,690	17,750	18,010	2,330	3,080	2,900	13.2	14.8	13.9
Central Penobscot	3,620	3,460	3,470	3,340	3,180	3,090	280	280	380	7.7	8.1	11.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,760	6,520	6,650	6,230	6,070	5,910	530	450	740	7.8	6.9	11.1
Ellsworth	21,240	19,570	20,590	19,310	17,560	18,220	1,930	2,010	2,370	9.1	10.3	11.5
Farmington	13,050	12,890	13,520	11,770	11,680	12,160	1,280	1,210	1,360	9.8	9.4	10.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,980	5,030	4,860	4,080	4,390	3,840	900	640	1,020	18.1	12.7	21.0
Greenville	1,430	1,510	1,270	1,310	1,420	1,080	120	90	180	8.4	6.0	15.0
Houlton	5,220	4,910	5,110	4,720	4,450	4,340	500	460	770	9.6	9.4	15.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,960	5,810	6,080	5,500	5,390	5,230	460	420	850	7.7	7.2	14.0
Livermore Falls	6,310	6,170	6,000	5,600	5,310	5,230	710	860	770	11.3	13.9	12.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,380	4,160	4,540	3,820	3,560	3,800	560	600	740	12.8	14.4	16.3
Mechanic Falls	2,530	2,260	2,400	2,280	1,980	2,020	250	280	380	9.9	12.4	15.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,170	5,030	5,440	4,870	4,750	4,940	300	280	500	5.8	5.6	9.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,220	2,130	2,360	1,920	1,940	1,870	300	190	490	13.5	8.9	20.8
Rockland	18,480	18,350	17,860	16,910	16,730	15,540	1,570	1,620	2,320	8.5	8.8	13.0
Rumford	20,670	20,430	20,700	18,740	18,580	18,200	1,930	1,850	2,500	9.3	9.1	12.1
Sebago Lake Region	11,880	11,520	11,120	11,120	10,680	9,970	760	840	1,150	6.4	7.3	10.3
Skowhegan	21,760	21,240	21,230	19,430	19,720	18,250	2,330	2,520	2,980	10.7	11.9	14.0
Kittery-York	22,720	20,110	21,120	22,080	19,310	20,150	640	800	970	2.8	4.0	4.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,620	8,490	8,250	7,510	7,240	7,030	1,110	1,250	1,220	12.9	14.7	14.8
Waterville	22,750	22,220	22,650	21,280	20,560	20,420	1,470	1,660	2,230	6.5	7.5	9.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,610.3	1,599.9	n/a	1,534.7	1,495.1	n/a	75.6	104.8	n/a	4.7	6.6
Massachusetts	3,036.0	3,002.0	2,929.2	2,883.0	2,826.0	2,733.0	153.0	175.0	196.2	5.0	5.8	6.7
New Hampshire	n/a	505.1	491.8	n/a	480.7	460.1	n/a	24.4	31.7	n/a	4.8	6.4
Rhode Island	479.6	476.9	477.7	447.8	442.9	434.5	31.8	34.0	43.2	6.6	7.1	9.0
Vermont	n/a	265.2	265.8	n/a	245.0	244.5	n/a	20.2	21.3	n/a	7.6	8.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,858.5	5,764.4	n/a	5,529.3	5,367.2	n/a	329.2	397.2	n/a	5.6	6.9
UNITED STATES 3/	112,152	111,828	109,875	103,628	102,770	98,840	8,525	9,057	11,035	7.6	8.1	10.0

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	13,608	15,230	16,976	1,457	1,824	2,065	847	1,008	1,090
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.4	3.8	4.3	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.6	3.1	3.4

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.6	8.0	9.4
Clerical and Sales	17.6	16.6	18.9
Service	10.5	11.2	9.0
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	3.0	2.3	3.0
Processing	3.6	3.3	3.6
Machine Trades	11.5	11.4	10.9
Benchwork	9.3	9.1	7.8
Structural Work	20.3	22.4	21.7
Miscellaneous	15.6	15.7	15.7

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.9	57.0	61.0
Under 22	6.4	6.3	6.3
22-24	10.4	10.6	11.2
25-34	29.8	29.8	33.1
35-39	10.3	10.3	10.4
Total 40 and Over	43.1	43.0	39.0
40-44	8.0	7.7	7.9
45-54	12.7	11.8	13.9
55-64	9.8	9.8	11.1
65 and Over	12.6	13.7	6.1

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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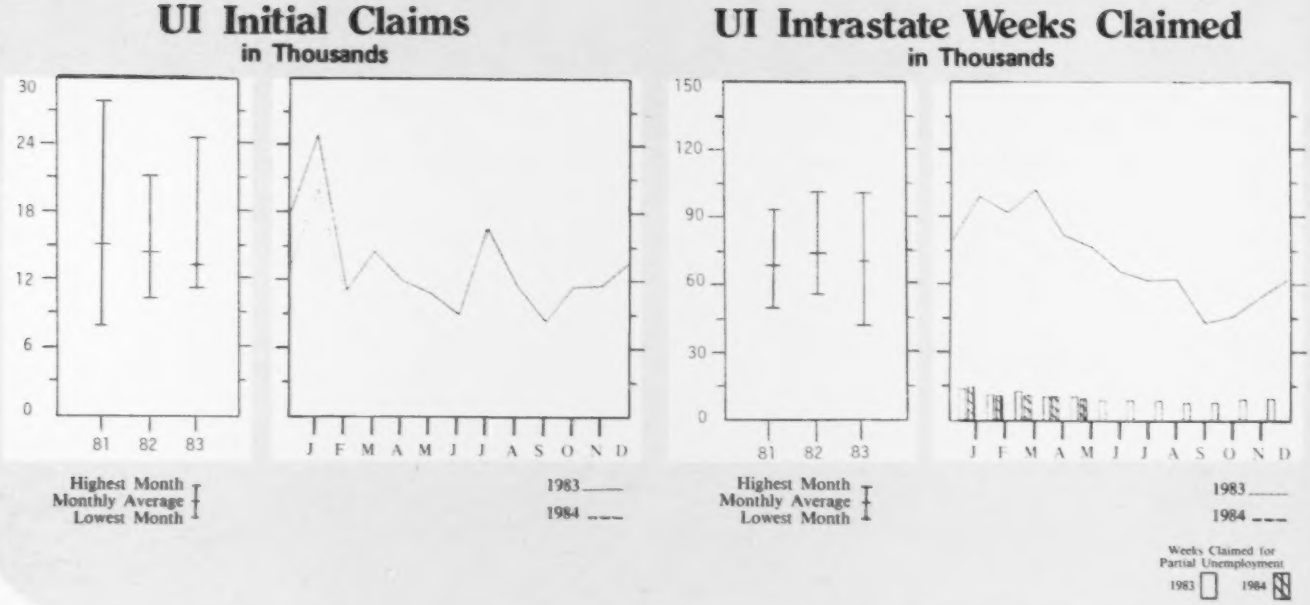
RESULTS OF 1984 MAINE HOSPITAL WAGE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

THE WAGE SURVEY OF HOSPITAL OCCUPATIONS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT UNDERTAKEN WITH THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, IS TO PROVIDE THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, ITS MEMBER HOSPITALS, OTHER EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE WAGE SCALES. THE SURVEY'S WAGE INFORMATION IS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PERTINENT OCCUPATIONAL FACTS THAT THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH MAKES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PLANNERS AND CAREER COUNSELORS. PEOPLE IN NEED OF OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION FOR CAREER DECISION-MAKING CAN USE THE SURVEY DATA TO ASSIST THEM IN DECIDING UPON A CAREER.

DURING THE FALL OF 1983, ALL MEMBER HOSPITALS OF THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE WAGE SURVEY BY INDICATING THE WAGE RATES WHICH WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR 53 SELECTED NONADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS ON JANUARY 1, 1984. FORTY-ONE OF THE 42 MEMBER HOSPITALS PROVIDED USABLE WAGE DATA. THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED FOR ALL THE OCCUPATIONS WAS 13,117. THIS EMPLOYMENT FIGURE REPRESENTS NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN MAINE. OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED, OVER 36 PERCENT (4,733) OF THE EMPLOYEES WERE CLASSIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL WORKERS.

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR ONLY THOSE OCCUPATIONS WHERE THREE OR MORE HOSPITALS REPORTED DATA. THE INFORMATION FROM ALL RESPONDENTS HAS BEEN KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED IN ANY MANNER THAT WOULD PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS PUBLICATION IS WAGE DATA FOR FIVE REGIONS DESIGNATED BY THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN A BROCHURE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH FOR A FEE OF $2.50.



SUMMER TRAVEL OUTLOOK BODES WELL FOR TOURIST INDUSTRY

OVERALL, SUMMER VACATION TRIPS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE 3% THIS YEAR OVER 1983, AND NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL VACATIONERS ARE BUDGETING MORE FOR TRAVEL, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY FROM THE U.S. TRAVEL DATA CENTER. THE "1984 OUTLOOK FOR SUMMER TRAVEL: A GUIDE TO VACATION MARKETS" SAYS THAT AMERICANS ON VACATION WILL SPEND 1.8 BILLION NIGHTS AWAY FROM HOME IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 1984. VACATION TRIPS ARE EXPECTED TO AVERAGE NEARLY 6.5 NIGHTS, ABOUT 1% LONGER THAN IN 1983.

SOME 48 MILLION ADULTS AGED 25-54 WILL TAKE NEARLY ONE-HALF OF ALL VACATION TRIPS THIS SUMMER, SAYS THE STUDY. THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT AMERICANS IN THE $30,000+ INCOME GROUP WERE MOST LIKELY TO TAKE VACATION TRIPS. THE AVERAGE TRAVEL PARTY IN 1984 IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 2.2 PERSONS PER TRIP, AND MOST SUMMER VACATIONERS, 81 PERCENT, WILL TRAVEL BY CAR, TRUCK, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.

AMONG GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS, THE NORTHEAST WILL GENERATE THE MOST SUMMER VACTION TRAVELERS. RESIDENTS OF THE FAR WEST, WHO SHOWED MORE CONCERN ABOUT TRAVEL PRICES THAN RESIDENTS OF OTHER REGIONS, ARE EXPECTED TO CUT THEIR SUMMER TRAVEL BY 3% THIS YEAR.

MORE VACATIONERS WILL HEAD TO THE SEASHORE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE, WITH 29% SAYING THEIR DESTINATION WAS AN OCEAN OR BEACH. ANOTHER 27% INDICATED THEY WOULD VACATION IN A CITY, 22% IN A MOUNTAIN AREA, 11% IN A LAKE AREA, 10% IN A STATE OR NATIONAL PARK, 6% IN EPCOT/DISNEY WORLD/ORLANDO, AND 1% AT THE WORLD'S FAIR IN NEW ORLEANS.

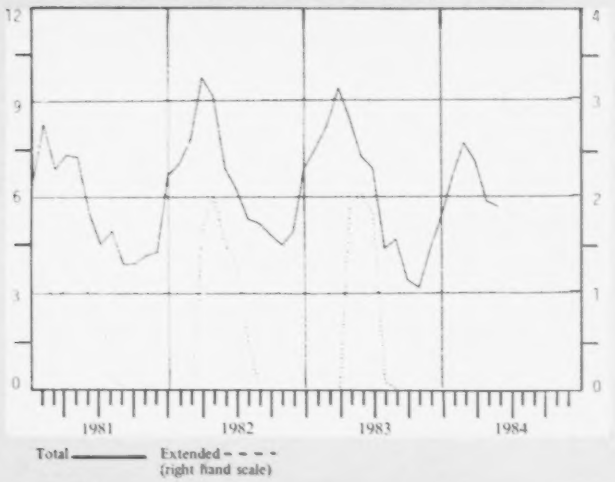
EXCERPTED FROM THE MAY 17, 1984 ISSUE OF U.S. CENSUS REPORT, 951 PERSHING DR., SILVER SPRING, MD. 20910.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

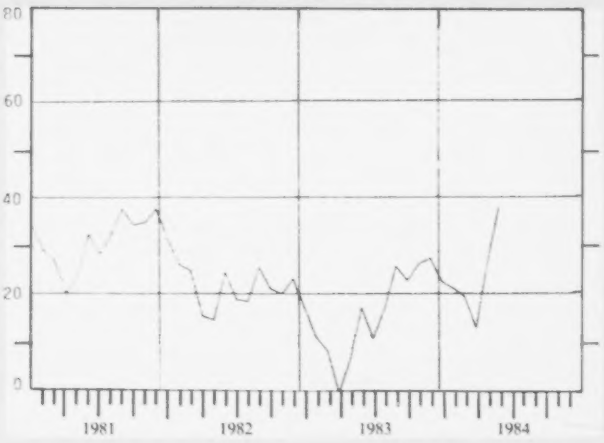
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	427.6	421.7	419.5	100.9	99.6	97.0	34.2	34.0	33.6
Total Manufacturing	108.4	108.0	107.4	17.2	16.8	16.5	11.5	11.5	11.1
Durable Goods	40.7	40.4	39.0	7.7	7.4	6.4	2.3	2.2	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.5	11.5	11.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.4	16.3	14.4	6.0	5.9	5.5	1.8	1.8	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.8	12.6	13.6	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	67.7	67.6	68.4	9.5	9.4	10.1	9.2	9.3	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	7.8	8.0	7.9	2.0	2.0	2.2	0.8	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.3	6.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.5	1.5
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.9	18.7	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	18.6	18.7	21.2	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	15.5	15.7	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.0	3.0
All Other	3.1	3.0	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	9.9	9.6	4.8	4.6	4.8	2.5	2.5	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	319.2	313.7	312.1	83.7	82.8	80.5	22.7	22.5	22.5
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	17.4	15.3	16.5	4.6	4.3	4.3	1.3	1.2	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.7	17.6	18.1	5.4	5.4	6.0	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	97.9	94.5	92.6	27.8	27.2	25.7	8.0	7.9	7.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	18.7	18.5	18.0	8.8	8.7	8.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
Services	85.2	83.2	82.4	23.7	22.8	22.0	7.3	7.4	7.2
Government	82.1	84.4	84.3	13.4	14.4	13.7	3.2	3.1	3.3
Federal	18.1	18.1	18.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	64.0	66.3	66.2	12.0	13.0	12.3	2.9	2.9	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/Regular teachers are inlcuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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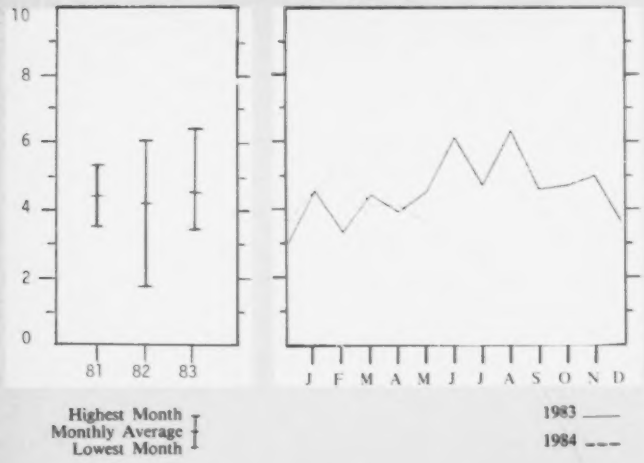
New Applications For Work

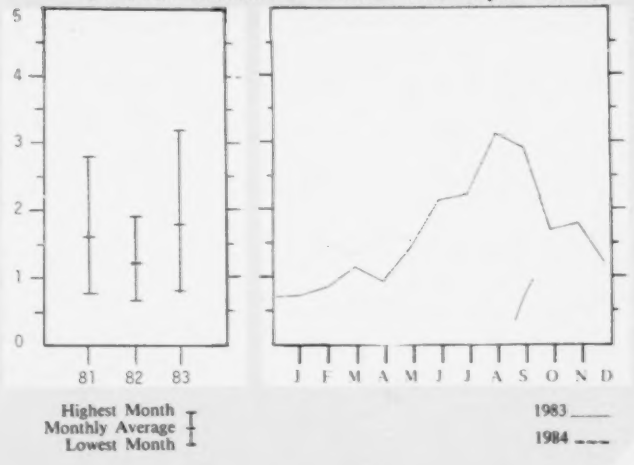
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$319.18	$315.57	$299.55	40.3	40.2	40.1	$ 7.92	$ 7.85	$ 7.47	$ 7.61	$ 7.22	$ 6.66
Durable Goods	326.03	327.22	312.44	40.4	40.8	39.6	8.07	8.02	7.89	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	283.71	287.34	277.80	40.3	40.7	39.8	7.04	7.06	6.98	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	315.55	318.06	294.78	40.3	41.2	39.2	7.83	7.72	7.52	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	383.39	382.18	365.88	40.7	40.4	39.9	9.42	9.46	9.17	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	315.95	308.45	292.50	40.3	39.8	40.4	7.84	7.75	7.24	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	241.13	235.14	242.03	37.5	36.4	39.1	6.43	6.46	6.19	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	257.91	258.16	238.62	41.8	42.6	41.0	6.17	6.06	5.82	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	202.21	201.60	189.21	36.9	35.0	35.3	5.48	5.76	5.36	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	521.19	508.50	477.40	45.4	45.2	44.7	11.48	11.25	10.68	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	214.65	214.18	214.27	37.2	36.8	38.4	5.77	5.82	5.58	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	279.74	273.29	262.35	39.4	38.6	40.3	7.10	7.08	6.51	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	309.68	311.62	286.90	39.4	39.9	37.7	7.86	7.81	7.61	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	249.33	247.15	245.83	38.3	38.2	40.3	6.51	6.47	6.10	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	237.5	231.4	223.8
Unemployed	16.4	16.6	20.3
(Percent)	6.9%	7.2%	9.1%
Resident Employed	221.1	214.8	203.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	309.7	308.8	297.1	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	554.5	545.3	535.2	518.3	504.3	484.0	36.2	41.0	51.2	6.5	7.5	9.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,200	44,800	44,000	42,000	42,100	40,400	2,200	2,700	3,600	5.0	6.0	8.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	35,100	34,700	33,600	33,000	32,300	30,400	2,100	2,400	3,200	6.0	6.9	9.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	40,600	40,300	38,900	37,900	37,600	35,200	2,700	2,700	3,700	6.7	6.7	9.5
Portland SMSA	105,800	104,700	97,600	101,700	100,000	90,800	4,100	4,700	6,800	3.9	4.5	7.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,770	30,540	29,480	28,920	28,320	27,130	1,850	2,220	2,350	6.0	7.3	8.0
Bath-Brunswick	24,350	24,310	25,140	23,290	23,030	23,660	1,060	1,280	1,480	4.4	5.3	5.9
Belfast	11,730	11,680	11,280	10,430	10,130	9,620	1,300	1,550	1,660	11.1	13.3	14.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,700	8,200	8,140	8,080	7,470	7,460	620	730	680	7.1	8.9	8.4
Calais-Eastport	15,200	14,890	15,670	13,470	12,900	13,170	1,730	1,990	2,500	11.4	13.4	16.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,980	21,520	20,490	19,450	18,690	17,760	2,530	2,830	2,730	11.5	13.2	13.3
Central Penobscot	3,600	3,620	3,620	3,370	3,340	3,290	230	280	330	6.4	7.7	9.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,910	6,760	6,760	6,390	6,230	6,050	520	530	710	7.5	7.8	10.5
Ellsworth	22,380	21,240	21,360	20,790	19,310	19,310	1,590	1,930	2,050	7.1	9.1	9.6
Farmington	13,110	13,050	13,350	11,880	11,770	11,960	1,230	1,280	1,390	9.4	9.8	10.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,990	4,980	4,950	4,180	4,080	3,930	810	900	1,020	16.2	18.1	20.6
Greenville	1,560	1,430	1,350	1,420	1,310	1,180	140	120	170	9.0	8.4	12.6
Houlton	5,390	5,220	5,250	4,920	4,720	4,460	470	500	790	8.7	9.6	15.0
Lincoln; Howland	6,020	5,960	5,950	5,600	5,500	5,210	420	460	740	7.0	7.7	12.4
Livermore Falls	6,380	6,310	6,000	5,760	5,600	5,330	620	710	670	9.7	11.3	11.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,340	4,380	4,570	3,850	3,820	3,860	490	560	710	11.3	12.8	15.5
Mechanic Falls	2,700	2,530	2,480	2,450	2,280	2,120	250	250	360	9.3	9.9	14.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,190	5,170	5,430	4,950	4,870	4,930	240	300	500	4.6	5.8	9.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,380	2,220	2,420	2,090	1,920	1,970	290	300	450	12.2	13.5	18.6
Rockland	18,480	18,480	18,110	17,080	16,910	15,980	1,400	1,570	2,130	7.6	8.5	11.8
Rumford	20,420	20,670	20,830	18,570	18,740	18,460	1,850	1,930	2,370	9.1	9.3	11.4
Sebago Lake Region	12,720	11,880	12,420	12,080	11,120	11,380	640	760	1,040	5.0	6.4	8.4
Skowhegan	22,230	21,760	21,710	20,270	19,430	18,690	1,960	2,330	3,020	8.8	10.7	13.9
Kittery-York	25,490	22,720	23,070	24,770	22,080	22,280	720	640	790	2.8	2.8	3.4
Southwest Penobscot	8,760	8,620	8,440	7,850	7,510	7,320	910	1,110	1,120	10.4	12.9	13.3
Waterville	23,160	22,750	22,830	21,870	21,280	20,700	1,290	1,470	2,130	5.6	6.5	9.3
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,629.1	1,606.8	n/a	1,559.2	1,511.5	n/a	69.9	95.3	n/a	4.3	5.9
Massachusetts	3,019.0	3,036.0	2,935.9	2,899.0	2,883.0	2,744.3	120.0	153.0	191.6	4.0	5.0	6.5
New Hampshire	n/a	506.8	498.6	n/a	484.2	470.4	n/a	22.7	28.2	n/a	4.5	5.7
Rhode Island	481.5	479.6	479.8	451.0	447.8	440.9	30.5	31.8	38.9	6.3	6.6	8.1
Vermont	n/a	264.3	266.3	n/a	244.7	246.5	n/a	19.6	19.8	n/a	7.4	7.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,915.9	5,787.4	n/a	5,618.9	5,413.6	n/a	297.0	373.8	n/a	5.0	6.5
UNITED STATES 3/	113,251	112,152	110,308	105,096	103,628	99,543	8,154	8,525	10,765	7.2	7.6	9.8

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n.a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	10,809	13,608	14,327	1,128	1,457	1,880	756	847	976
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.6	3.4	3.6	1.3	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	9.3	8.6	9.9
Clerical and Sales	19.3	17.6	19.6
Service	11.3	10.5	9.7
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	4.0	3.0	2.6
Processing	3.8	3.6	5.3
Machine Trades	12.8	11.5	11.1
Benchwork	10.3	9.3	8.3
Structural Work	15.0	20.3	19.6
Miscellaneous	14.2	15.6	13.9

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	57.5	56.9	60.1
Under 22	6.7	6.4	6.4
22-24	10.5	10.4	11.4
25-34	29.6	29.8	32.0
35-39	10.7	10.3	10.3
Total 40 and Over	42.5	43.1	39.9
40-44	7.9	8.0	8.0
45-54	13.2	12.7	14.1
55-64	10.0	9.8	11.1
65 and Over	11.4	12.6	6.7

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROJECT

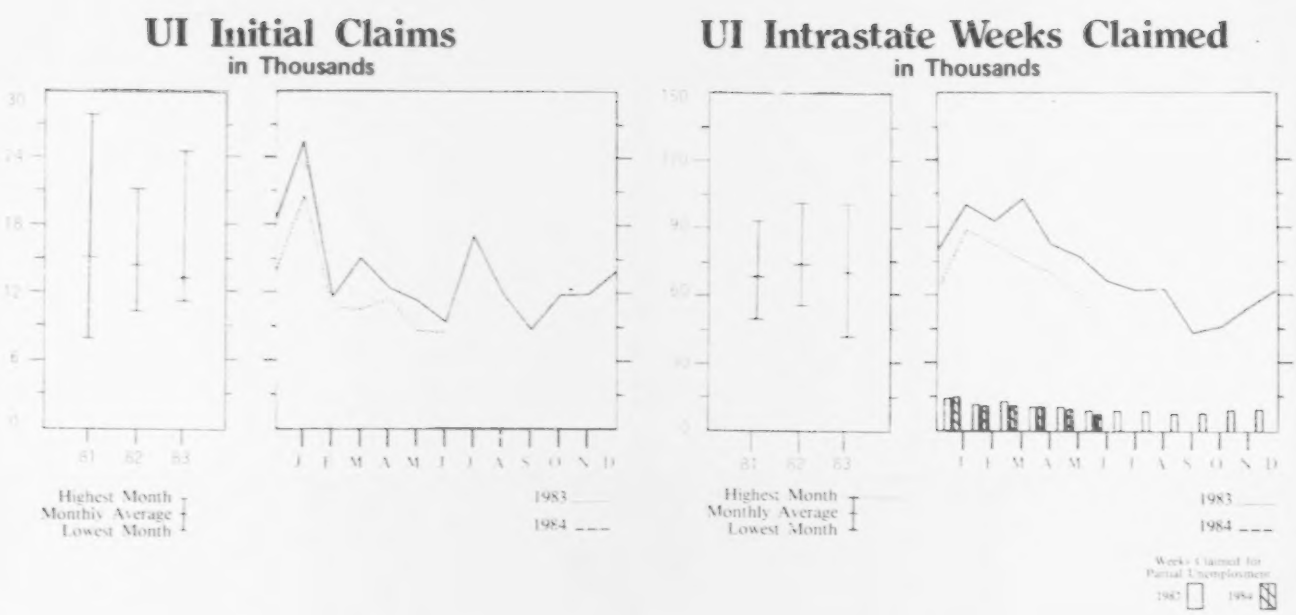
EARLIER THIS YEAR COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC. (CEI), A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BASED IN WISCASSET, RECEIVED $2.5 MILLION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT. THE SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROJECT, AS IT IS CALLED, PROVIDES LOANS TO SELECTED SMALL BUSINESSES TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES OF FUNDS. THE PROJECT FUNDS ARE DESIGNATED TO BE LEVERAGED AT A RATIO OF 1:2. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL $5 MILLION IN PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN MAINE SMALL BUSINESS VENTURES.

THE COASTAL ENTERPRISE, INC. OBJECTIVES FOR THE PROJECT ARE TO INVEST THE FUNDS IN 20 TO 30 EXPANDING MAINE BUSINESSES, PREFERABLY THOSE MANUFACTURING FIRMS UTILIZING NATURAL RESOURCES. THE PROJECT ALSO SEEKS TO CREATE ABOUT 500 NEW JOBS, AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF WHICH ARE TO BE RESERVED FOR THE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED, TO INCLUDE AFDC RECIPIENTS, HANDICAPPED, VETERANS, OLDER WORKERS, AND YOUTH. PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR UNDER THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) ARE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE WORKERS WITH THE TRAINING AND SKILLS NEEDED BY THE EMPLOYER TO EXPAND INTO NEW AREAS.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROJECT, A BUSINESS MUST BE EXPANDING AND/OR CREATING NEW JOBS. FURTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE THAT THE BUSINESS BE LOCALLY OWNED, BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, PRODUCE VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS, PROVIDE LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME OPPORTUNITIES, AND HAVE GROWTH POTENTIAL. IN ADDITION, CEI'S REVIEW PROCESS REQUIRES THAT A FIRM SUBMIT A WRITTEN BUSINESS PLAN AS A PART OF THEIR APPLICATION. THESE APPLICATIONS ARE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED BY CEI STAFF AND PROCESSED IN 60 TO 90 DAYS.

TO DATE, 9 BUSINESSES HAVE SECURED PROJECT FUNDS AND 3 MORE APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED. THE LOANS VARY FROM $12,000 TO $200,000 AND HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY VERY SMALL FIRMS EMPLOYING 4 WORKERS TO SLIGHTLY LARGER FIRMS WITH A WORK FORCE OF AROUND 75. THE TYPES OF FIRMS SECURING THE LOANS HAVE BEEN MIXED AS WELL. MOST ARE MANUFACTURERS OF WOOD PRODUCTS - FROM LAZY-SUSANS AND SPICE RACKS TO WOOD BEARINGS. OTHERS MANUFACTURE WOODEN BUCKETS, TENTS, HOME KNIT GOODS, AND SOLAR ENERGY UNITS.

THERE IS STILL $1.5 MILLION REMAINING IN THIS PROJECT. IF YOU ARE A SMALL BUSINESS LOCATED IN MAINE, PLANNING TO EXPAND AND WILLING TO HIRE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED WORKERS, CONTACT COASTAL ENTERPRISES, INC. AT (207) 882-7552.



PRIVATE PAYROLL EARNINGS RISE IN MAINE

RECENT ESTIMATES RELEASED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INDICATE THAT TOTAL PRIVATE PAYROLLS IN MAINE ROSE BY $356 MILLION FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983 THROUGH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 7.4 PERCENT DURING THE YEAR, FROM $4.829 BILLION TO $5.185 BILLION SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES.

TOTAL PAYROLL EARNINGS CONSIST OF MONETARY REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF CORPORATE OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, TIPS AND BONUSES, AND PAYMENT-IN-KIND THAT REPRESENTS INCOME TO THE RECIPIENT. THEY ARE MEASURED BEFORE DEDUCTIONS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS, UNION DUES, OR OTHER PURPOSES. ESTIMATES OF WAGE AND SALARY DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 57 PERCENT OF ALL PERSONAL INCOME IN MAINE AND ARE, EXCEPT FOR TRANSFER PAYMENTS, MORE COMPLETE AND RELIABLE THAN THOSE FOR ANY OTHER TYPE OF INCOME.

THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PRODUCES THE PAYROLL EARNINGS ESTIMATES BY INDUSTRY GROUP AS PRESENTED IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE. THE LARGEST COMPONENT OF PRIVATE MAINE PAYROLLS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 WAS MANUFACTURING, WITH 38 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. ALSO CONTRIBUTING LARGE SHARES OF PAYROLL EARNINGS WERE THE SERVICES AND TRADE SECTORS, WITH 20.9 PERCENT AND 20.3 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY.

THE SMALLEST EARNINGS COMPONENT WAS THE MINING INDUSTRY, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 0.1 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ESTIMATE. EARNINGS IN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, FORESTRY, AND FISHING REPRESENTED 0.6 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL, AND FARM WORKERS EARNED 1.4 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

THE LARGEST NET GAIN IN PRIVATE PAYROLL EARNINGS IN MAINE BETWEEN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983 AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1984 WAS IN MANUFACTURING WHERE EMPLOYEES EARNED $136 MILLION MORE, AN INCREASE OF 7.4 PERCENT. NONDURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED $86 MILLION OF THIS GAIN, AND DURABLE GOODS ADDED $50 MILLION. PAYROLLS IN SERVICES INDUSTRIES INCREASED BY $79 MILLION, A GAIN OF 7.8 PERCENT. EARNINGS IN THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR ROSE BY $51 MILLION, REPRESENTING A GROWTH RATE OF 7.8 PERCENT.

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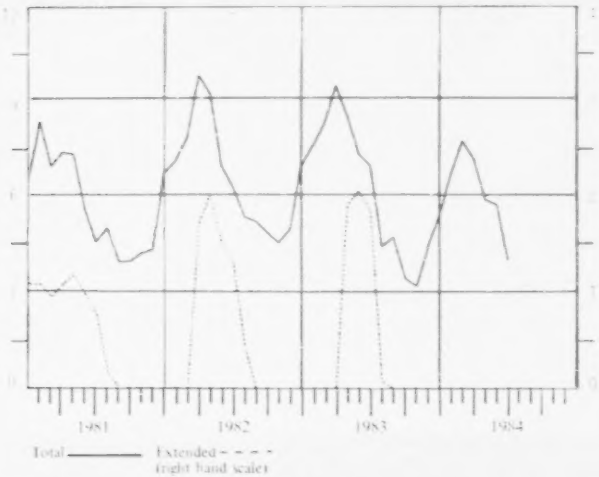
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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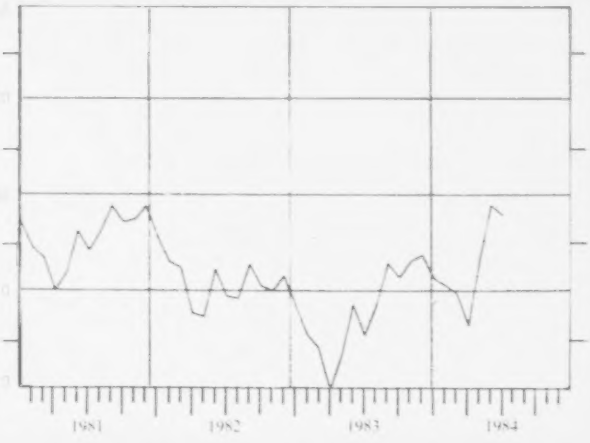

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	440.9	427.6	430.6	103.4	100.9	96.9	34.5	34.2	34.0
Total Manufacturing	111.0	108.4	110.2	17.2	17.2	15.6	11.7	11.5	11.4
Durable Goods	42.5	40.7	40.8	7.5	7.7	6.2	2.3	2.3	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.1	11.5	12.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.6	16.4	14.6	6.0	6.0	5.3	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.8	12.8	13.4	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	69.3	67.7	69.4	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.4
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	7.8	8.9	2.1	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.2	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.5	1.5
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	19.6	18.9	18.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.8	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.1	18.6	21.3	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.0	15.5	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.0	3.1
All Other	3.1	3.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.4	10.2	9.8	4.9	4.8	4.1	2.6	2.5	2.6
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Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	18.3	17.3	18.2	4.7	4.6	4.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.3	17.7	19.0	5.7	5.4	5.8	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	103.1	97.9	97.8	28.9	27.8	27.1	8.1	8.0	7.9
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	18.9	18.7	18.3	8.9	8.8	8.4	1.8	1.7	1.6
Services	89.0	85.2	86.0	24.6	23.7	23.0	7.3	7.3	7.3
Government	82.2	82.1	80.9	13.4	13.4	12.5	3.0	3.2	3.1
Federal	18.3	18.1	18.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	63.9	64.0	62.6	12.0	12.0	11.1	2.8	2.9	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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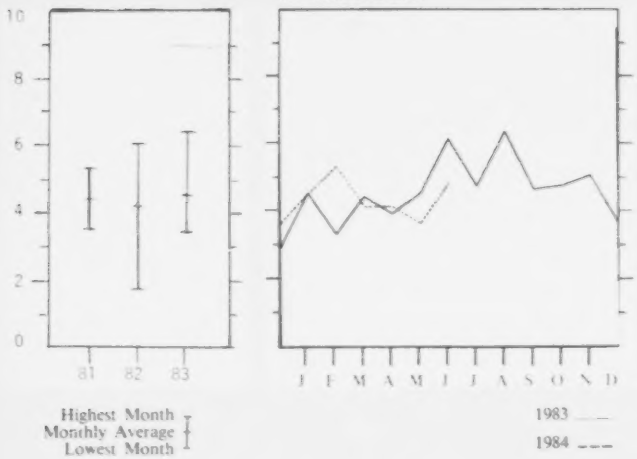
New Applications For Work

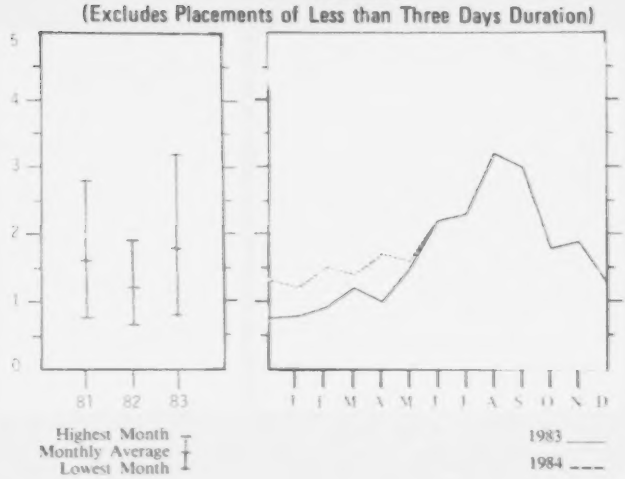
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$316.79	$319.18	$297.75	40.1	40.3	39.7	$ 7.90	$ 7.92	$ 7.50	$ 7.61	$ 7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	321.20	326.03	312.84	40.0	40.4	39.6	8.03	8.07	7.90	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	290.07	293.71	290.97	39.9	40.3	40.3	7.27	7.04	7.22	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	315.99	315.55	296.40	40.1	40.3	39.0	7.88	7.83	7.60	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	362.98	383.39	358.09	39.8	40.7	39.7	9.12	9.42	9.02	9.31	8.66	7.98
Nondurable Goods	314.36	315.95	289.02	40.2	40.3	39.7	7.82	7.84	7.28	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	252.67	241.13	225.81	37.6	37.5	35.9	6.72	6.43	6.29	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	250.32	257.91	250.06	42.0	41.8	42.6	5.96	6.17	5.87	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	192.41	202.21	194.10	35.5	36.9	35.0	5.42	5.48	5.26	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	516.35	521.19	484.43	44.9	45.4	44.2	11.50	11.48	10.96	10.96	10.30	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	216.75	214.65	210.55	37.5	37.2	37.8	5.78	5.77	5.57	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	276.61	279.74	263.31	39.0	39.4	40.2	6.95	7.10	6.55	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	310.01	309.68	284.64	38.8	39.4	37.7	7.99	7.86	7.55	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	248.95	249.33	244.21	38.3	38.3	40.1	6.50	6.51	6.09	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	249.2	237.5	230.3
Unemployed	17.5	16.4	21.7
(Percent)	7.1%	6.9%	9.4%
Resident Employed	231.7	221.1	208.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	310.7	309.7	298.1	303.5
Percent Change for Past Month				0.3%
Percent Change from Last December				2.4%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	577.7	563.5	548.2	544.1	519.3	502.0	33.6	36.2	46.2	5.8	6.4	8.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,900	44,200	41,100	42,800	42,000	39,800	2,100	2,200	3,300	4.7	5.0	7.7
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	36,600	35,100	34,500	34,500	33,000	31,500	2,100	2,100	3,100	5.7	6.0	9.0
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	41,000	40,600	39,100	38,500	37,900	35,600	2,500	2,700	3,500	6.1	6.7	9.0
Portland SMSA	109,100	108,000	99,700	105,000	101,700	92,600	4,100	4,100	6,500	3.8	3.8	6.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,060	30,770	29,300	29,970	28,920	27,700	1,090	1,850	2,200	5.9	6.0	7.4
Bath-Brunswick	25,630	24,350	25,550	24,400	23,290	23,940	1,230	1,060	1,610	4.8	4.4	6.3
Belfast	11,940	11,730	11,300	10,760	10,430	10,040	1,190	1,300	1,360	10.0	11.1	11.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,100	9,700	9,470	9,500	8,980	8,530	600	620	640	5.9	7.1	6.8
Calais-Eastport	15,530	15,200	15,570	14,040	13,470	13,430	1,390	1,730	2,140	9.6	11.4	13.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,980	21,980	21,690	20,470	19,450	18,900	2,410	2,530	2,790	10.5	11.5	12.9
Central Penobscot	3,630	3,600	3,710	3,440	3,370	3,350	190	230	260	5.2	6.4	7.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,990	6,910	6,870	6,490	6,390	6,350	500	520	640	5.8	7.5	9.0
Ellsworth	24,090	22,380	23,300	23,510	20,790	21,700	1,380	1,590	1,600	5.5	7.1	6.9
Farmington	13,270	13,110	13,190	12,210	11,890	12,060	1,060	1,230	1,130	8.0	9.4	8.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,150	4,990	5,360	4,530	4,190	4,680	620	810	690	12.0	16.2	12.7
Greenville	1,710	1,560	1,610	1,620	1,420	1,500	90	140	110	5.3	9.0	6.8
Houlton	5,920	5,390	5,570	5,500	4,920	4,910	420	470	660	7.1	8.7	11.8
Lincoln-Howland	6,230	6,020	5,960	5,880	5,600	5,420	350	420	540	5.6	7.0	9.1
Livermore Falls	6,470	6,380	6,100	5,880	5,760	5,800	590	620	700	9.1	9.7	11.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,940	4,340	4,900	4,470	3,850	4,200	470	490	600	9.5	11.3	12.5
Mechanic Falls	2,810	2,700	2,640	2,570	2,450	2,220	240	250	320	8.5	9.3	12.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,270	5,190	5,320	5,060	4,950	4,880	210	240	440	4.0	4.6	8.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,620	2,380	2,630	2,440	2,090	2,320	180	290	310	6.9	12.2	11.8
Rockland	19,130	18,480	18,420	17,930	17,080	16,730	1,200	1,400	1,690	6.3	7.6	9.2
Rumford	20,750	20,420	20,880	19,170	18,570	18,840	1,580	1,850	2,040	7.6	9.1	9.8
Sebago Lake Region	13,410	12,720	12,280	12,790	12,080	11,370	620	640	910	4.6	5.0	7.4
Skowhegan	23,150	22,230	22,270	21,410	20,270	19,690	1,740	1,960	2,580	7.5	8.8	11.6
Surry-York	29,360	25,490	26,480	28,680	24,770	25,690	680	720	790	2.3	2.8	3.0
Southwest Penobscot	8,860	8,760	8,360	8,090	7,850	7,340	760	910	1,010	8.6	10.4	12.1
Waterville	23,870	23,160	23,230	22,530	21,870	21,100	1,340	1,290	2,130	5.6	5.6	9.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,646.8	1,631.7	n/a	1,579.6	1,534.5	n/a	68.2	97.2	n/a	4.1	6.0
Massachusetts	3,084.0	3,019.0	3,008.4	2,946.0	2,899.0	2,783.3	138.0	120.0	225.1	4.5	4.0	7.5
New Hampshire	n/a	510.9	509.4	n/a	486.8	485.8	n/a	24.1	23.6	n/a	4.7	4.6
Rhode Island	491.1	481.5	496.2	459.8	461.0	446.0	31.3	30.5	40.2	6.4	6.3	8.3
Vermont	268.7	265.6	267.1	253.4	248.4	249.2	15.3	17.2	17.9	5.7	6.5	6.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,923.8	5,902.8	n/a	5,663.8	5,498.8	n/a	260.0	404.0	n/a	4.4	6.8
UNITED STATES 3/	115,393	113,251	113,383	106,812	105,096	101,813	8,582	8,154	11,570	7.4	7.2	10.2

Area Definitions:
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Notes:
n/a indicates that data not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes:
1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and 12-month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household controllable estimates based on enlargement of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	8,753	10,809	11,060	1,015	1,128	1,657	694	756	858
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.1	2.6	2.7	1.1	1.3	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rate as defined in the Employment Security Law.

PRIVATE NONFARM PAYROLLS BY INDUSTRY IN MAINE
FIRST QUARTER 1983 AND FIRST QUARTER 1984
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AT ANNUAL RATES)

PRIVATE PAYROLLS BY INDUSTRY (IN MILLIONS)	FIRST QUARTER 1983		FIRST QUARTER 1984		FIRST QTR 1983-FIRST QTR 1984 CHANGE	
	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL	NET	PERCENT
TOTAL PRIVATE WAGES AND SALARIES	$4,829	100.0%	$5,185	100.0%	$356	7.4%
FARM	66	1.4	70	1.4	4	6.1
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES	31	0.6	33	0.6	2	6.5
MINING	3	0.1	4	0.1	1	33.3
CONSTRUCTION	264	5.5	284	5.5	20	7.6
MANUFACTURING	1,835	38.0	1,971	38.0	136	7.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	1,130	23.4	1,216	23.5	86	7.6
DURABLE GOODS	705	14.6	755	14.6	50	7.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	361	7.5	368	7.1	7	1.9
WHOLESALE TRADE	322	6.7	350	6.8	28	8.7
RETAIL TRADE	651	13.5	702	13.5	51	7.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	291	6.0	317	6.1	26	8.9
SERVICES	1,007	20.9	1,086	20.9	79	7.8

SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.

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VETERANS' JOB PROGRAM PAYS TRAINING COSTS

THE EMERGENCY VETERANS' JOB TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDES EMPLOYERS 50 PERCENT OF THE STARTING WAGE, UP TO $10,000 PER VETERAN, WHEN THEY HIRE AND TRAIN VETERANS IN A GROWTH INDUSTRY OR A TECHNOLOGY-BASED OR DEMAND OCCUPATION. THE INTENT OF THE PROGRAM IS TO HELP INDUSTRY FILL PERMANENT POSITIONS THAT INVOLVE SIGNIFICANT TRAINING OF AT LEAST SIX MONTHS WITH KOREAN AND VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS.

TRAINING WILL BE FUNDED FOR BETWEEN 6 AND 9 MONTHS, AND IN SOME CASES MAY BE APPROVED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FOR BETWEEN 3 TO 15 MONTHS. ACTUAL TRAINING CAN TAKE PLACE ON THE JOB, IN A VOCATIONAL OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, OR A SPECIALIZED TRAINING CENTER.

HALF THE COST OF TRAINING UP TO $10,000 IS PAID DIRECTLY TO THE EMPLOYER, INVOICED QUARTERLY. SMALL BUSINESSES CAN ARRANGE TO INVOICE MONTHLY.

TARGETED GROUPS

- VETERANS: KOREAN AND VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF WORK FOR 15 OF THE PRECEDING 20 WEEKS. VETERANS MUST HAVE SERVED FOR AT LEAST 180 DAYS AND BE HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

- BUSINESSES AND OCCUPATIONS: FIRMS IN GROWTH OR TECHNOLOGY-BASED INDUSTRIES, OCCUPATIONS REQUIRING NEW TECHNICAL SKILLS, OR IN OCCUPATIONS WHERE DEMAND FOR LABOR EXCEEDS THE SUPPLY.

APPLICATION

- A ONE PAGE FORM WITH A BRIEF TRAINING PLAN ATTACHED IS ALL IT TAKES.

- FORMS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LOCAL MAINE JOB SERVICE OFFICE OR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

- THE MAINE JOB SERVICE OR VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WILL HELP YOU FILL OUT THE APPLICATION. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NATIONAL CERTIFICATION, THEY WILL NOTIFY OTHER REGIONAL OFFICES OF JOBS ELIGIBLE UNDER YOUR NATIONAL CERTIFICATION.

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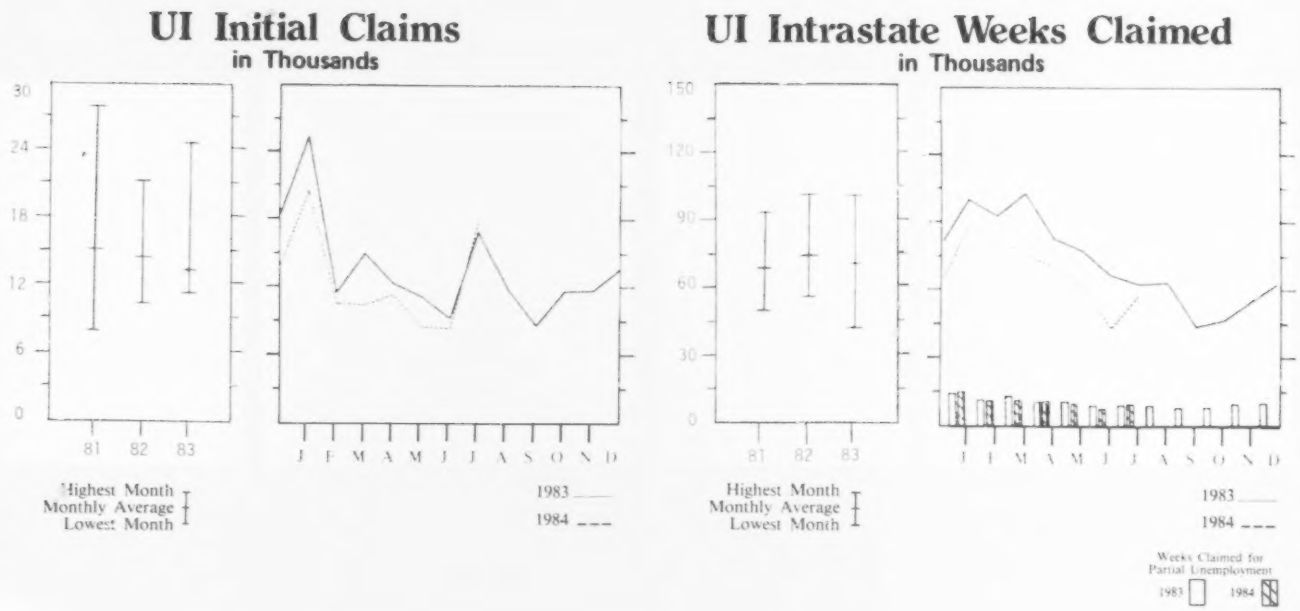


- NATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR OCCUPATIONS FOR ANY OF YOUR PLANTS IS AVAILABLE BETWEEN YOUR CORPORATE OFFICE AND THE FEDERAL VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. THE CERTIFICATION INCLUDES FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION FORM FOR EACH OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY, THE SITE OF THE OPENINGS, AND THE TRAINING PLAN FOR EACH OCCUPATION.

JOBS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM

- SEASONAL OR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT.

- PRIMARY INCOME BY COMMISSION.

- JOBS WITH POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

- POSITIONS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- REDUCED COSTS IN TRAINING NEEDED TECHNICAL PEOPLE.

- A DEDICATED WORKER, PROVEN TO BE TRAINABLE, LOYAL AND ABLE.

- A MATCH OF A WORKER'S ABILITY WITH YOUR NEEDS.

- INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY AND PRIDE.

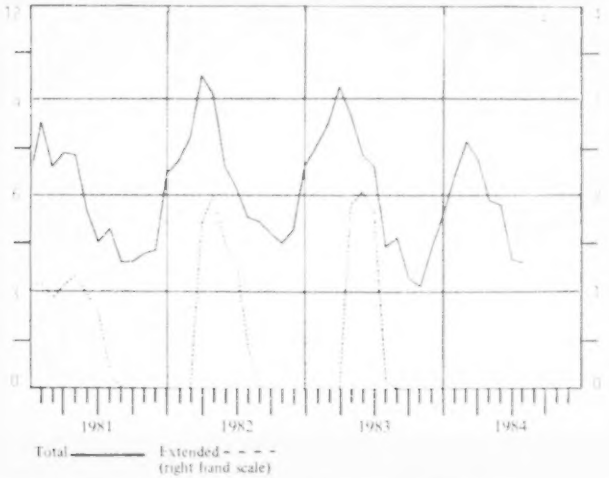
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL YOUR LOCAL MAINE JOB SERVICE OFFICE, OR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AT 1-800-452-1935. MEMBERS OF YOUR LOCAL VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION, VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER VETERANS GROUPS HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND ALERTED TO HELP BUSINESSES PUT TOGETHER A WORKING PROGRAM. CALL THEM FOR HELP AS YOU WORK TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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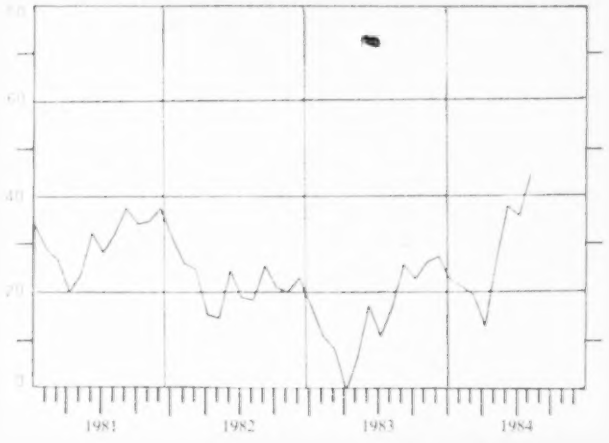
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	445.0	440.8	430.3	102.7	103.4	96.1	33.0	34.5	32.2
Total Manufacturing	105.5	111.8	101.2	16.7	17.2	15.1	10.1	11.7	9.7
Durable Goods	42.1	42.5	40.4	7.5	7.5	6.2	2.3	2.3	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.2	13.1	12.9	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.4	16.6	14.2	6.0	6.0	5.3	1.8	1.8	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.5	12.8	13.3	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	63.4	69.3	60.8	9.2	9.7	8.9	7.8	9.4	7.7
Food and Kindred Products	8.1	8.0	8.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	5.4	7.2	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.4	1.1
Apparel	4.1	5.0	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	19.7	19.6	18.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.8	0.8	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	16.9	19.1	14.8	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.6	3.6	2.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	13.1	16.0	12.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	3.0	2.4
All Other	2.8	3.1	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.6	0.4
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Total Nonmanufacturing	339.5	329.0	329.1	86.0	86.2	81.0	22.9	22.8	22.5
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Contract Construction	19.3	18.3	18.7	4.7	4.7	4.3	1.5	1.4	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.0	18.3	19.0	5.7	5.7	6.0	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	108.4	103.1	102.3	29.4	28.9	27.4	8.0	8.1	8.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	19.2	18.9	18.4	9.0	8.9	8.5	1.8	1.8	1.6
Services	94.7	88.0	92.0	24.8	24.6	23.2	7.4	7.3	7.3
Government	78.7	82.2	78.5	12.4	13.4	11.6	3.0	3.0	2.9
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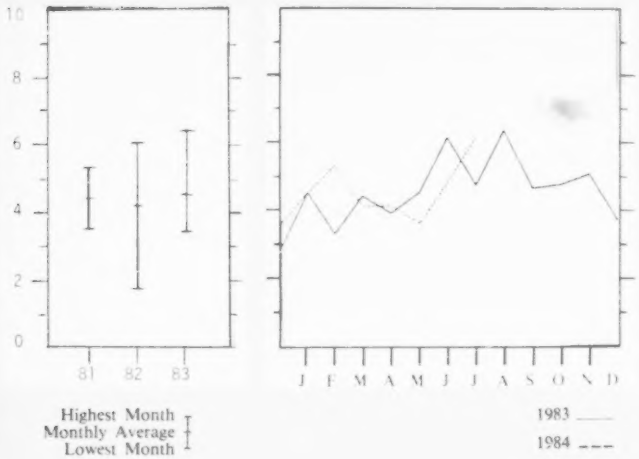

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in Thousands

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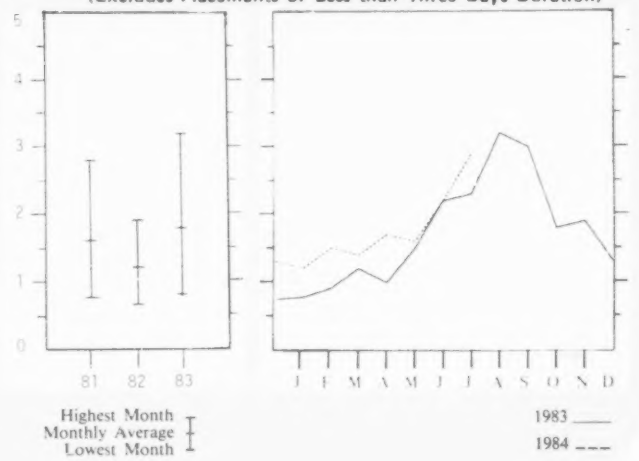

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$323.95	$316.79	$312.76	39.7	40.1	40.2	$ 8.16	$ 7.90	$ 7.78	$ 7.61	$ 7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	329.97	321.20	325.60	39.8	40.0	40.0	8.27	8.03	8.14	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	316.31	290.07	314.29	40.5	39.9	41.3	7.81	7.27	7.61	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	313.99	315.99	291.83	39.2	40.1	38.5	8.01	7.88	7.58	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	368.23	362.98	380.30	40.2	39.8	40.5	9.16	9.12	9.39	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	319.56	314.36	304.67	39.5	40.2	40.3	8.09	7.82	7.56	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	232.46	252.67	220.98	34.8	37.6	36.3	6.68	6.72	6.26	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	233.78	250.32	255.00	40.1	42.0	42.5	5.83	5.96	6.00	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	195.83	192.41	193.14	35.8	35.5	35.9	5.47	5.42	5.38	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	513.04	516.35	472.31	44.0	44.9	44.1	11.66	11.50	10.71	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	216.50	216.75	220.56	37.2	37.5	38.9	5.82	5.78	5.67	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	279.66	276.61	270.40	39.5	39.8	40.6	7.08	6.95	6.66	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	330.26	310.01	296.00	39.6	38.8	37.9	8.34	7.99	7.81	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	261.80	248.95	254.78	38.5	38.3	40.7	6.80	6.50	6.26	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	256.0	249.2	235.7
Unemployed	22.5	17.5	27.4
(Percent)	8.8%	7.0%	11.6%
Resident Employed	233.6	231.7	208.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	311.7	310.7	299.3	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.1%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE - Statewide	587.9	577.7	563.1	547.6	544.1	504.2	40.3	33.6	58.9	6.9	5.8	10.5
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	45,000	44,900	43,800	42,700	42,300	39,400	2,300	2,100	4,200	5.1	4.7	10.0
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	36,100	36,600	35,500	32,900	34,500	31,000	3,200	2,100	4,500	8.9	5.7	12.7
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	41,100	41,000	39,600	36,700	38,900	33,400	4,400	2,100	6,200	10.7	6.1	15.7
Portland SMSA	108,600	109,100	98,000	104,100	105,000	91,000	4,500	4,100	7,000	4.1	3.9	7.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	32,080	31,860	30,750	29,700	29,970	27,770	2,380	1,890	2,980	7.4	5.9	9.7
Bath-Brunswick	25,980	25,630	26,140	24,660	24,400	24,130	1,300	1,230	2,010	5.0	4.8	7.7
Belfast	12,630	11,940	12,260	11,120	10,750	10,470	1,510	1,190	1,790	12.0	10.0	14.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,680	10,100	10,610	10,140	9,500	9,910	540	600	700	5.1	5.9	6.6
Calais-Eastport	16,200	15,530	16,470	14,850	14,040	14,480	1,370	1,490	1,990	8.5	9.6	12.1
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,750	22,680	21,300	20,050	20,470	18,120	2,700	2,210	3,180	11.9	10.5	14.9
Central Penobscot	3,770	3,630	3,930	3,540	3,420	3,560	230	190	380	6.1	5.2	9.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,990	6,890	7,170	6,420	6,490	6,200	570	400	970	8.2	5.8	13.5
Ellsworth	27,090	24,890	25,030	25,890	23,510	23,320	1,200	1,380	1,710	4.4	6.5	6.9
Farmington	13,560	13,270	13,740	12,380	12,210	12,260	1,180	1,060	1,480	8.7	8.0	10.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,930	5,150	5,360	5,410	4,570	4,820	520	620	540	8.8	12.0	10.1
Greenville	1,600	1,710	1,690	1,470	1,620	1,590	130	90	100	8.1	5.3	5.9
Houlton	5,660	5,920	5,540	5,160	5,500	4,720	500	420	820	8.8	7.1	14.8
Lincoln-Howland	6,310	6,230	6,190	5,940	5,880	5,530	370	350	660	5.9	5.6	10.7
Livermore Falls	6,870	6,470	6,600	5,900	5,980	5,400	970	490	1,200	14.1	9.1	18.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,580	4,940	4,630	4,180	4,470	4,090	400	470	550	8.7	9.5	11.9
Mechanic Falls	3,530	2,810	3,170	3,160	2,570	2,650	370	240	520	10.5	8.5	16.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,400	5,270	5,480	5,190	5,060	4,930	210	210	550	3.9	4.0	10.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,610	2,620	2,630	2,450	2,440	2,320	160	180	310	6.1	6.9	11.8
Rockland	19,600	19,130	18,600	18,480	17,930	16,820	1,120	1,200	1,780	5.7	6.3	9.6
Rumford	20,920	20,750	21,130	18,920	19,170	18,740	2,000	1,580	2,390	9.6	7.6	11.3
Sebago Lake Region	16,250	13,410	14,940	15,510	12,790	13,830	740	620	1,110	4.6	4.6	7.4
Skowhegan	23,240	23,150	23,630	21,250	21,410	19,680	1,990	1,730	4,030	8.6	7.5	17.1
Kittery-York	30,620	29,360	27,220	29,770	28,680	26,210	850	680	1,010	2.8	2.3	3.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,640	8,850	8,790	7,460	8,090	6,760	1,160	760	2,030	13.4	8.6	23.1
Waterville	23,640	23,870	23,370	22,100	22,530	21,220	1,540	1,340	2,150	6.5	5.6	9.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,682.2	1,625.4	n/a	1,610.4	1,527.2	n/a	71.8	98.2	n/a	4.3	6.0
Massachusetts	3,094.0	3,084.0	3,029.4	2,959.0	2,946.6	2,840.5	134.0	138.0	188.9	4.3	4.5	6.2
New Hampshire	n/a	529.5	519.0	n/a	508.8	490.1	n/a	20.7	28.9	n/a	3.9	5.6
Rhode Island	n/a	491.1	483.1	n/a	459.8	437.5	n/a	31.3	46.6	n/a	6.4	9.6
Vermont	273.2	268.7	269.2	260.0	253.4	261.0	13.2	15.3	17.2	4.8	5.7	6.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,055.5	5,926.1	n/a	5,778.4	5,546.3	n/a	277.1	379.8	n/a	4.6	6.4
UNITED STATES 3/	116,198	115,393	113,980	107,484	106,812	103,273	8,714	8,582	10,707	7.5	7.3	9.3

Area Definitions:
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Notes:
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Employment and unemployment estimates are adjusted to labor force data by county.

Footnotes:
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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	13,695	12,753	17,655	1,346	1,015	2,062	2,244	694	2,430
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.3	2.1	4.2	1.5	1.1	2.5	6.9	2.1	7.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	10.5	10.9	11.1
Clerical and Sales	19.3	20.3	21.8
Service	10.5	11.9	10.0
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.4	1.9	1.3
Processing	5.2	4.0	4.1
Machine Trades	14.5	13.2	12.4
Benchwork	12.6	10.2	10.0
Structural Work	12.3	13.8	15.2
Miscellaneous	13.4	13.0	14.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	55.2	56.2	56.5
Under 22	7.3	6.2	7.1
22-24	9.9	10.1	10.0
25-34	27.6	29.3	29.1
35-39	10.4	10.6	10.3
Total 40 and Over	44.8	43.8	43.5
40-44	7.9	7.9	7.6
45-54	12.7	14.0	13.1
55-64	10.0	11.2	10.7
65 and Over	14.2	10.7	12.1

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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MAINE LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY RELEASED A LIST OF LABOR SURPLUS AREAS. ON THE LIST, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1984 AND REMAINS IN EFFECT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1985, WERE THE MAINE COUNTIES OF ANDROSCOGGIN, AROOSTOOK, OXFORD, SOMERSET, WALDO, AND WASHINGTON.

EMPLOYERS LOCATED IN LABOR SURPLUS AREAS CAN BE GIVEN PREFERENCE IN BIDDING ON FEDERAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS. THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUCH PREFERENCE IS TO HELP DIRECT THE GOVERNMENT'S PROCUREMENT DOLLARS INTO AREAS WHERE PEOPLE ARE IN MOST SEVERE ECONOMIC NEED, I.E., AREAS WITH THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.

THE CONCEPT OF CHANNELING FEDERAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS INTO HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS DATES BACK TO THE EARLY 1950s. AT THAT TIME, DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT, THERE WAS CONCERN AMONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND LOW UTILIZATION OF PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT IN SOME AREAS WOULD LEAD TO EROSION OF THE MOBILIZATION BASE AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE NATION'S PRODUCTION CAPABILITY. THERE WAS ALSO CONCERN THAT THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING NEW PLANTS AND RELOCATING WORKERS WOULD CAUSE AN UNNECESSARY DRAIN ON THE NATION'S RESOURCES.

THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION STUDIED THIS PROBLEM AND IN FEBRUARY 1952 ISSUED DEFENSE MANPOWER POLICY NO. 4 (DMP-4). THIS POLICY IMPLEMENTED THE IDEA OF DIRECTING FEDERAL PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS TO EMPLOYERS IN LABOR SURPLUS AREAS. OVER THE YEARS THIS CONCEPT HAS BEEN CARRIED FORWARD IN SEVERAL PUBLIC LAWS AND/OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS TO INCLUDE PUBLIC LAW 96-302 (SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION) AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 10582 (THE BUY AMERICAN ACT). CURRENTLY, EXECUTIVE ORDER 12073 ASSIGNS THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLASSIFYING LABOR SURPLUS AREAS.

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UI Initial Claims

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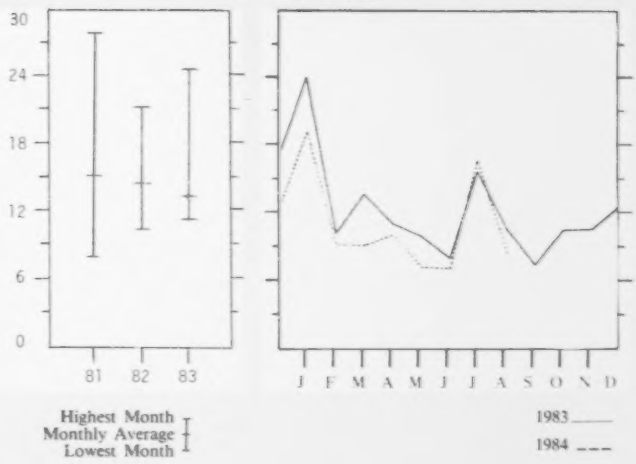

UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

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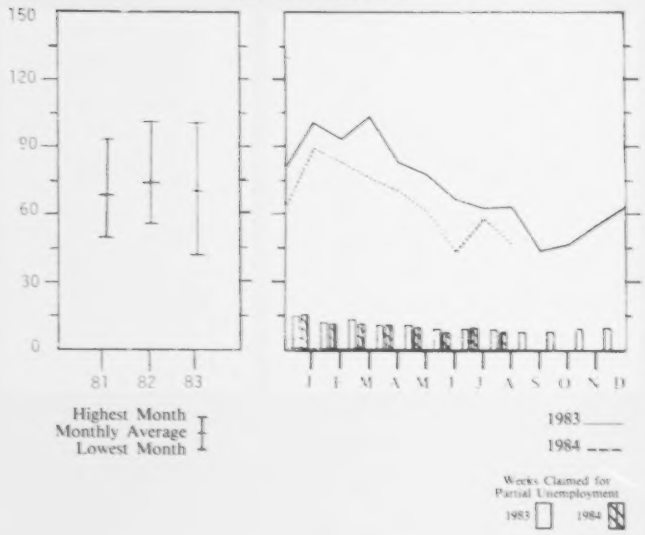


THE CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES USED TO DESIGNATE LABOR SURPLUS AREAS REFLECT THE RELATIONSHIP OF AN AREA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TO THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DURING A SPECIFIED REFERENCE PERIOD. THE REFERENCE PERIOD USED IN PREPARING THE CURRENT LIST OF LABOR SURPLUS AREAS WAS JANUARY 1982 THROUGH DECEMBER 1983. QUITE SIMPLY, A LABOR SURPLUS AREA HAD TO HAVE HAD AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT WAS AT LEAST 120 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL RATE DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OR A "CEILING" UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 10 PERCENT OR MORE. THE SIX MAINE COUNTIES THAT WERE DESIGNATED WERE QUALIFIED UNDER THE "CEILING" CONCEPT.

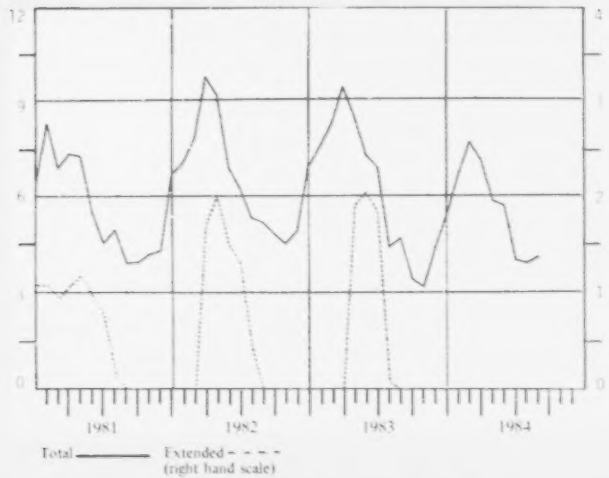
THE CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF LABOR SURPLUS AREAS UNDER "EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES" CRITERIA. THESE PROCEDURES PERMIT THE REGULAR CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA TO BE WAIVED WHEN AN AREA EXPERIENCES SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH IS NOT TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL AND WHICH WAS NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECTED IN THE DATA FOR THE 2-YEAR REFERENCE PERIOD. IN ORDER FOR AN AREA TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A LABOR SURPLUS AREA UNDER THE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES CRITERIA, THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY WOULD HAVE TO SUBMIT A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH CLASSIFICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION. IN THE PAST, BOTH ANDROSCOGGIN AND PENOBSCOT COUNTIES HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED UNDER THESE PROVISIONS.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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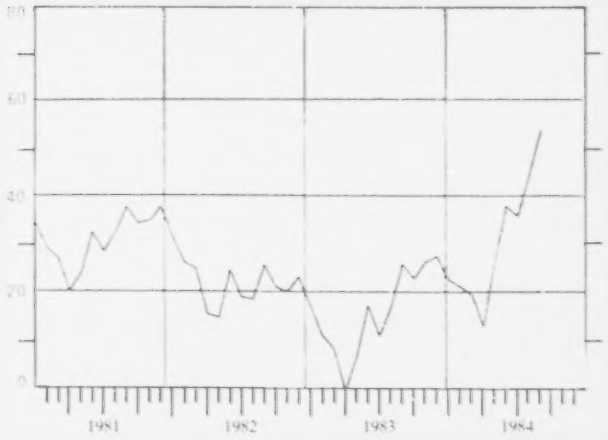
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	452.2	445.0	440.1	103.0	102.7	96.1	34.5	33.0	34.2
Total Manufacturing	112.9	105.5	112.9	17.3	16.7	16.3	11.5	10.1	11.6
Durable Goods	43.2	42.1	41.3	7.7	7.5	6.4	2.4	2.3	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.7	13.2	13.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.8	16.4	14.7	6.1	6.0	5.4	1.9	1.8	1.6
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.7	12.5	13.2	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	69.7	63.4	71.6	9.6	9.2	9.9	9.1	7.8	9.5
Food and Kindred Products	10.0	8.1	10.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.9	5.4	6.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.1	1.5
Apparel	4.9	4.1	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	19.6	19.7	18.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.8	0.8	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	18.1	15.9	21.1	2.5	2.3	3.2	3.4	2.6	3.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	15.0	13.1	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.8	2.1	3.2
All Other	3.1	2.8	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	10.2	9.9	5.0	4.9	4.7	2.4	2.3	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	339.3	339.5	327.2	85.7	86.0	79.8	23.0	22.9	22.6
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	19.0	19.3	18.7	4.5	4.7	4.4	1.6	1.5	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.2	19.0	17.1	5.8	5.7	4.9	1.1	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	109.1	108.4	102.5	29.4	29.4	27.5	8.1	8.0	8.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	19.2	19.2	18.3	9.1	9.0	8.5	1.8	1.8	1.6
Services	95.2	94.7	92.4	24.7	24.8	23.1	7.5	7.4	7.3
Government	77.4	78.7	78.0	12.2	12.4	11.4	2.9	3.0	2.8
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Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/ Regular teachers are inkuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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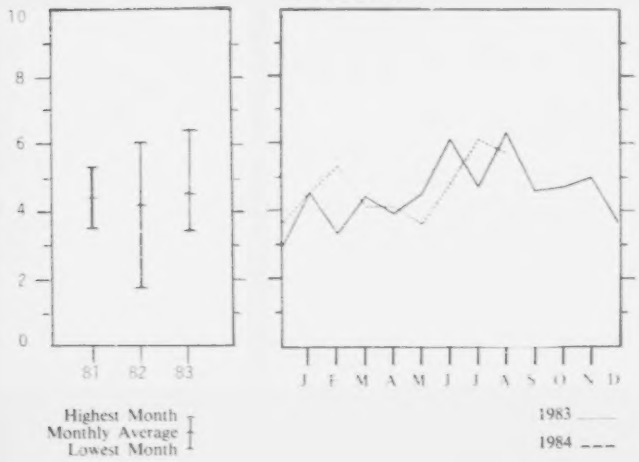
New Applications For Work

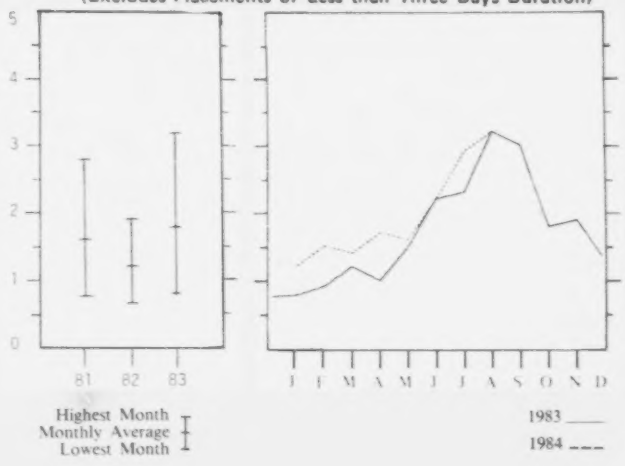
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$321.99	$323.95	$302.00	39.9	39.7	40.0	$8.07	$8.16	$7.55	$7.61	$7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	333.63	329.97	326.83	40.1	39.9	40.3	8.32	8.27	8.11	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	319.80	316.31	306.27	41.0	40.5	41.0	7.80	7.81	7.47	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	311.65	313.99	302.97	39.3	39.2	39.5	7.93	8.01	7.67	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	381.90	368.23	380.70	40.2	40.2	40.5	9.50	9.16	9.40	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	314.03	319.56	289.35	39.7	39.5	39.8	7.91	8.09	7.27	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	240.12	232.46	213.90	39.3	34.8	37.2	6.11	6.68	5.75	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	256.26	233.78	252.62	41.6	40.1	42.6	6.16	5.83	5.93	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	195.06	195.83	204.60	35.4	35.8	37.2	5.51	5.47	5.50	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	525.25	513.04	491.48	44.4	44.0	44.0	11.83	11.66	11.17	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	204.78	216.50	210.92	36.8	37.2	37.8	5.72	5.82	5.58	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	274.09	279.66	255.19	39.1	39.5	39.2	7.01	7.08	6.51	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	303.34	330.26	292.19	38.3	39.6	37.8	7.92	8.34	7.73	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	246.28	261.80	240.73	37.6	38.5	39.4	6.55	6.80	6.11	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	250.1	256.0	236.4
Unemployed	16.2	22.5	19.7
(Percent)	6.5%	8.8%	8.3%
Resident Employed	234.5	233.6	216.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	[illegible]	313.0	311.7	300.3	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	580.1	587.9	562.5	550.5	547.6	520.0	29.6	40.3	42.5	5.1	6.9	7.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,600	45,000	43,700	41,900	42,700	40,600	1,700	2,300	3,100	3.9	5.1	7.1
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	35,600	36,100	34,800	33,700	32,900	31,900	1,900	3,200	2,900	5.3	8.9	8.3
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	40,200	41,100	38,900	37,600	36,700	35,700	2,600	4,400	3,200	6.5	10.7	8.2
Portland SMSA	105,700	108,600	98,100	102,300	104,100	92,000	3,400	4,500	6,100	3.2	4.1	6.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,960	32,080	30,140	29,330	29,700	28,150	1,630	2,380	1,990	5.3	7.4	6.6
Bath-Brunswick	25,100	25,980	25,720	24,150	24,680	24,450	950	1,300	1,270	3.8	5.0	4.9
Belfast	11,930	12,630	12,510	10,830	11,120	11,070	1,100	1,510	1,440	9.2	12.0	11.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,550	10,680	10,700	10,110	10,140	10,160	440	540	540	4.2	5.1	5.0
Calais-Eastport	21,420	16,200	19,670	20,130	14,830	17,850	1,290	1,370	1,820	6.0	8.5	9.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,400	22,750	21,210	19,050	20,050	17,690	2,350	2,700	3,520	11.0	11.9	16.6
Central Penobscot	3,740	3,770	3,810	3,570	3,540	3,590	170	230	220	4.5	6.1	5.8
Dover-Foxcroft	6,820	6,990	6,610	6,420	6,420	6,060	400	570	550	5.9	8.2	8.3
Ellsworth	27,570	27,090	26,690	26,630	25,890	25,430	940	1,200	1,260	3.4	4.4	4.7
Farmington	12,930	13,560	13,430	11,910	12,380	12,450	1,020	1,180	980	7.9	8.7	7.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,520	5,930	5,160	5,120	5,410	4,710	400	520	450	7.2	8.8	8.7
Greenville	1,650	1,600	1,700	1,530	1,470	1,630	120	130	70	7.3	8.1	4.1
Houlton	5,360	5,660	5,480	4,950	5,160	4,690	410	500	790	7.6	8.8	14.4
Lincoln-Howland	6,120	6,310	6,070	5,850	5,940	5,610	270	370	460	4.4	5.9	7.6
Livermore Falls	6,320	6,870	6,010	5,710	5,900	5,400	610	970	610	9.7	14.1	10.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,290	4,580	4,450	3,970	4,180	3,950	320	400	500	7.5	8.7	11.2
Mechanic Falls	3,360	3,530	2,980	3,090	3,160	2,670	270	370	310	8.0	10.5	10.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,230	5,400	5,300	5,070	5,190	4,930	160	210	370	3.1	3.9	7.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,420	2,610	2,450	2,300	2,450	2,210	120	160	240	5.0	6.1	9.8
Rockland	20,080	19,600	19,110	19,190	18,480	17,730	890	1,120	1,380	4.4	5.7	7.2
Rumford	20,860	20,920	21,330	19,330	18,920	19,520	1,530	2,000	1,810	7.3	9.6	8.5
Sebago Lake Region	15,600	16,250	13,840	15,030	15,510	13,010	570	740	830	3.7	4.6	6.0
Skowhegan	23,040	23,240	22,630	21,400	21,250	20,270	1,640	1,990	2,360	7.1	8.6	10.4
Kittery-York	31,360	30,620	28,790	30,820	29,770	28,070	540	850	720	1.7	2.8	2.5
Southwest Penobscot	8,520	8,640	8,200	7,850	7,480	7,280	670	1,160	920	7.8	13.4	11.2
Waterville	22,840	23,640	23,120	21,680	22,100	21,290	1,160	1,540	1,830	5.1	6.5	7.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,683.4	1,610.0	n/a	1,609.7	1,522.9	n/a	73.7	87.1	n/a	4.4	5.4
Massachusetts	3,098.0	3,094.0	3,047.0	2,951.0	2,959.0	2,864.6	147.0	134.0	182.4	4.7	4.3	6.0
New Hampshire	n/a	539.8	519.7	n/a	515.8	498.1	n/a	24.1	21.6	n/a	4.5	4.2
Rhode Island	494.0	492.3	481.1	469.1	458.7	442.6	24.9	33.6	38.5	5.0	6.8	8.0
Vermont	n/a	273.2	267.3	n/a	260.0	252.0	n/a	13.2	15.3	n/a	4.8	5.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,081.8	5,925.1	n/a	5,803.2	5,580.2	n/a	278.6	344.9	n/a	4.6	5.8
UNITED STATES 3/	115,076	116,198	113,578	106,694	107,484	103,167	8,382	8,714	10,411	7.3	7.5	9.2

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Notes
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,509	13,995	9,985	922	1,346	1,423	950	2,244	758
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.0	3.3	2.4	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.9	6.9	2.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	9.9	10.5	12.2
Clerical and Sales	19.6	19.3	23.2
Service	11.2	10.5	11.0
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.0	1.4	1.1
Processing	6.7	5.2	4.6
Machine Trades	14.3	14.8	10.7
Benchwork	13.9	12.6	7.9
Structural Work	11.1	12.3	15.3
Miscellaneous	12.3	13.4	14.0

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	55.7	55.2	58.2
Under 22	7.0	7.3	6.9
22-24	9.5	9.9	9.8
25-34	28.6	27.6	30.1
35-39	10.6	10.4	11.4
Total 40 and Over	44.3	44.8	41.8
40-44	8.4	7.9	8.7
45-54	13.4	12.7	15.1
55-64	11.1	10.8	11.8
65 and Over	11.4	14.2	6.2

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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